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NEARBY

Water release from dams increased

KARNATAKA

As an impact of rains that are lashing different parts of the State, the water release from reservoirs in both the Cauvery and Krishna basin was increased on Monday triggering threat to those living in the downstream. Similarly, restrictions were imposed on vehicles to tourist spots in hilly areas in some places by authorities.

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HC: Don't appoint tainted officers to ACB

BENGALURU

Observing that tainted officers cannot be posted to institutions such as the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), the High Court of Karnataka directed the Chief Secretary to post only those officers having credibility and who can take the ACB to greater heights in preventing corruption in administration and to protect public interest.

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Seal of government

Prime Minister Narendra Modi showering flower petals after unveiling the National Emblem cast on the roof of the new Parliament building on Monday. • ANI (REPORT ON PAGE 9)

Mallya gets four-month jail term for contempt

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday sentenced fugitive businessman Vijay Mallya to four months' imprisonment and imposed a ₹2,000 fine on him, almost five years after he was found guilty of contempt of court.

The court directed the Home Ministry to "secure the presence of the contemnor [Mallya] to undergo the imprisonment imposed upon him". Mallya, who is in the U.K., is accused of financial fraud and money laundering. "Considering the fact that the contemnor [Mallya] did not show any remorse nor tender any apology for his conduct, we impose sentence of four months and fine of ₹2,000... We direct the Ministry of Home Affairs to secure his presence to undergo the imprisonment," a three-judge Bench led by Justice U.U. Lalit ordered.

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Rival Panneerselvam ousted, Palaniswami to lead AIADMK

Violent clashes break out at party headquarters over leadership question

T. RAMAKRISHNAN
CHENNAI

Vanagaram near Chennai, which played host five years ago to a unity meeting of two camps of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, witnessed on Monday the expulsion of senior leader O. Panneerselvam from the main Opposition party in Tamil Nadu, and the election of Edappadi K. Palaniswami as its interim general secretary.

The day saw dramatic developments in the morning with Mr. Panneerselvam, a three-time Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and party coordinator and treasurer till recently, and his supporters entering the AIADMK headquarters in Royapettah in the city after breaking open the locks amid a violent clash between rival groups. Revenue authorities sealed the party office even as Mr. Palaniswami was delivering his "victory" speech at the general council meeting.

The meeting began at a wedding hall in Vanagaram, after the Madras High Court gave the green signal to it, dismissing a petition filed by Mr. Panneerselvam. The court pulled him up for seeking to achieve through the judiciary what he could not do internally in the party.

Way forward: AIADMK leader Edappadi K. Palaniswami flanked by his supporters after being elected the interim general secretary of the party in Chennai on Monday. • B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

At the general council, a resolution was adopted, abolishing the posts of coordinator and co-coordinator on the ground that they had "ceased to exist" as the election re-appointing Mr. Panneerselvam and Mr. Palaniswami coordinator and co-coordinator, respectively, last December, was "not ratified" at the June 23 meeting. By another motion, the party approved the adoption of the system of "single leadership" and revived the post of general secretary, which was scrapped in September 2017.

Three of Mr. Panneerselvam's associates – legislators R. Vaithilingam and Manoj Pandian and party spokesperson J.C.D. Prabhakar – were removed from the party. Mr. Panneerselvam's expulsion was carried out through a resolution, the text of which was read out by organisation secretary Natham R. Viswanathan, who was in his camp five years ago.

Mr. Panneerselvam said he remained the party coordinator and would legally face the challenge with the support of the cadres.

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Cong. acts against Lobo and Kamat

'Goa situation under control'

SHOUMOJIT BANERJEE
PUNE

A day after the Congress leadership in Goa alleged that senior legislators Michael Lobo and Digambar Kamat were attempting to split the party by hobnobbing with the ruling BJP, the party on Monday moved disqualification petitions against the duo for "anti-party activities".

Senior Congress leader Mukul Wasnik, MP, sent as a troubleshooter to the coastal State, declared that the situation was "under control".

After a high-voltage drama on Sunday with much suspense on whether the party would be able to keep its flock together, the Goa Congress leadership on Monday said seven of the 11 Congress MLAs stood firm with the party.

Given that the party's Goa desk in-charge Dinesh Gundu Rao had removed Mr. Lobo as the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader on Sunday, State party chief Amit Patkar said a new Opposition leader would be named soon. He said the party leaders had met the Speaker to discuss the seating arrangements in the House as Mr. Lobo was no longer the CLP chief.

Yet, even as the party cracked the whip on Mr. Lobo and Mr. Kamat, both insisted they were still in the Congress, with Mr. Kamat professing to be "deeply hurt" by Mr. Rao's remarks against him on Sunday.

Moreover, the five MLAs – Mr. Lobo, Mr. Kamat, Rajesh Faldessai, Kedar Naik and Delilah Lobo – who reportedly went "incommunicado" on Sunday, attended the first day of the monsoon session of the Assembly on Monday.

"I am shocked, stunned and his [Mr. Rao's] statements have hurt me beyond words. He visited my house on Saturday and I told him my position was akin to being 'retired hurt' owing to the humiliation I suffered after the Assembly election this year...There have been rumours spreading against me since the last two elections that I am going to the BJP. Yet, I have stood firm," Mr. Kamat said.

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Set Abu Salem free after 25 years in jail: SC

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday held that the Centre was "bound to advise" the President to remit the life sentence of gangster Abu Salem in the 1993 Mumbai blasts case on his completion of 25 years of his jail term in view of the national commitment made to Portugal during his extradition.

The 25-year period would be calculated from his detention on October 12, 2005.

"On the appellant [Salem] completing 25 years of his sentence, the Central government is bound to advise the President for the exercise of his powers under Article 72 of the Constitution and to release the appellant in terms of the national commitments and the principles based on the comity of courts," Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, heading the Bench, ordered in the judgment.

The papers should be forwarded to the President within a month of Salem completing the 25-year period. The Centre could itself consider remission on the completion of 25 years' sentence in terms of Sections 432 and 433 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

The court, however, declined to calculate the 25-year timeline from September 18, 2002 when Salem was detained in Portugal for a different offence. "The criminal law of the land does not have extra-territorial application," it noted.

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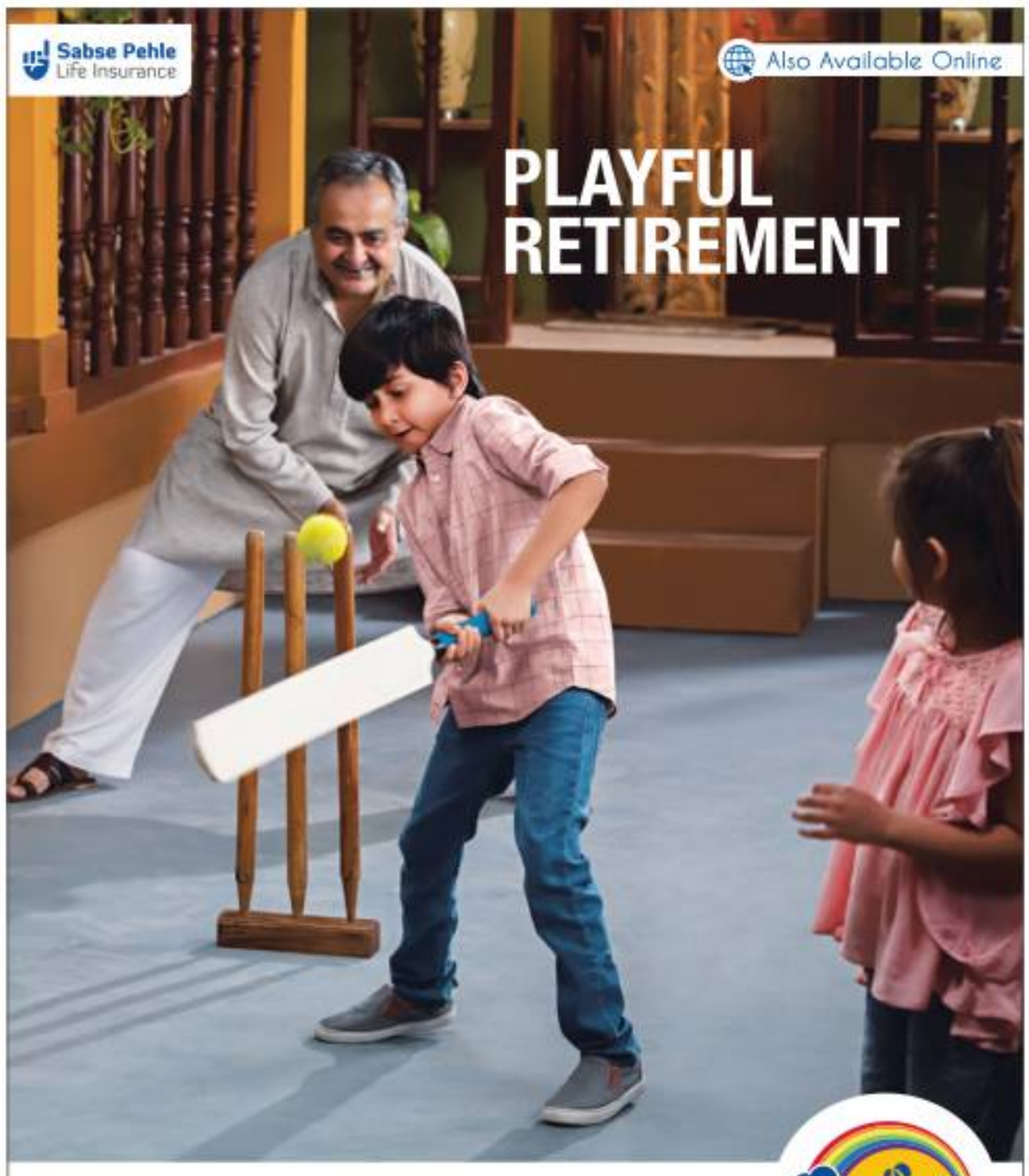

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Unsafe abandonment

819 The number of children to have died in state-run specialised adoption agencies since 2018, according to the Central Adoption Resources Authority (CARA). The main reason for the fatalities, of which most were below two years old, was "unsafe abandonment". This included children being found with dog bites as well as being in a condition too vulnerable to be saved, officials said. Most specialised adoption agencies are meant for children below six years. Children older than six are housed in childcare institutions. PTI

Aiding Sri Lanka

3.8 In $ billion, the amount committed by India to aid Sri Lanka during the latter's economic crisis which had been building up over a while, according to External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar. A line of credit was provided by India to Sri Lanka to ensure the flow of essential commodities from India over the last several months and for the purchase of fuel. He added that the government follows a neighbourhood first policy which makes special efforts to support the country's neighbours in a manner that meets their requirements. PTI

World population

8 In billion, the expected world population by November 15, 2022, according to a UN report. The report said that India will surpass China as the most populous country by 2023. The overall population milestone "is a reminder of our shared responsibility to care for our planet and a moment to reflect on where we still fall short of our commitments to one another," Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said. The forecast by the UN Dept of Economic and Social Affairs said that the world's population is growing at its slowest pace since 1950. AFP

Fall in mangoes

40 In percentage, the fall in mango production in many parts of Pakistan according to farmers, because of high temperatures and water shortages in a country identified as one of the most vulnerable to climate change. The arrival of mango season in Pakistan is eagerly anticipated, with around two dozen varieties arriving through the summers. This year, however, temperatures rose sharply in March — earlier than usual — followed by heatwaves that damaged crops and depleted water levels in canals that farmers depend on for irrigation. AFP

Increase in pay

108 In $ thousand, the median wage for an H-1B worker in 2021, well over double the median wage of all U.S. workers, according to a study by CATO Institute. The majority of H-1B workers are making more than about 8% of U.S. workers. The latest data refuted the claims by opponents of the H-1B visa who believe that H-1B employers "pay low wages". H-1B workers have wages in the top 10% of U.S. wage earners. From 2003 to 2021, the nominal median H-1B wage grew 52%, while it only grew by 39% for all U.S. workers. CATO INSTITUTE

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EXPLAINER

The search for dark matter

What are distance scales? How do they help in proving the existence of dark matter?

THE GIST

- Dark matter is made up of particles that do not have a charge. So, these particles are "dark", namely because they do not emit light, which is an electromagnetic phenomenon, and "matter" because they possess mass like normal matter and interact through gravity.
- There is strong indirect evidence for dark matter, and this evidence is reflected at various levels (or distance scales, as physicists would explain).
- As of today, the most sensitive dark matter detector experiment in the world is LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ) in South Dakota in the U.S.

SHUBASHREE DESIKAN

The story so far: Many physicists strongly believe that the entire visible part of the universe forms only 5% of all matter in it. They believe the rest is made up of dark matter and dark energy. Once this was convincingly demonstrated through various indirect observations and calculations, experiments started being set up to hunt for these elusive particles. The latest to hit the news in the field of dark matter is a dark matter detector experiment named LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ) in South Dakota in the U.S. As of today this is the most sensitive dark matter detector in the world. To give an idea of the degree of difficulty in measuring evidence of a dark particle, it is said that the chamber of this LZ detector, can contain only one gram of dust if it is to detect a dark matter particle. This is the extent to which researchers have to go to rule out unwanted signals coming from other entities.

What is dark matter and why is it so elusive?

All interactions in the universe are a result of four fundamental forces acting on particles – strong nuclear force, weak nuclear force, electromagnetic force and gravitation. Dark matter is made up of particles that do not have a charge – which means they do not interact through electromagnetic interactions. So, these are particles that are "dark", namely because they do not emit light, which is an electromagnetic phenomenon, and "matter" because they possess mass like normal matter and hence interact through gravity.

Gravitational force, besides not being fully integrated and understood by particle physicists, is extremely weak. For one thing, a particle that interacts so weakly becomes rather elusive to detect. This is because interactions from other known particles could drown out signals of dark matter particles.

If we cannot see it and have not detected it yet, why do physicists believe strongly that dark matter exists?

There is strong indirect evidence for dark matter, and this evidence is reflected at various levels (or distance scales, as physicists would explain). At the shortest distance scale, consider the rotation of galaxies. If you look at stars all the way from the centre of any galaxy to its rim, the way the velocities of the observed stars change may be plotted. In the lab this same function may be plotted on a graph by assuming the visible matter is all that exists. There is a marked difference between the observed plot of star speeds and the calculated value as you move from the inner part of the galaxy towards its rim. Now if you assume there is a certain fraction of matter which exerts a gravitational pull on the rest of the stars in the galaxy, for it cannot be seen in any other way, and recalculate the plot, it fits in with the observed value. This means that there is a definite amount of dark matter in the galaxy.

One may argue that it is the model that is at fault and there is some other way to reconcile this discrepancy between the calculated and observed value of velocities in rotating galaxies. This is where evidence from other distance scales comes up.

What are the evidences from other distance scales?

The universe can be observed at various levels – at the level of electrons and nuclei or atoms, or galaxies, or galaxy clusters, or even larger distances where the entire universe can be mapped and studied. Cosmologists, people who study the physics of the universe, typically work in the last mentioned three scales, and particle physicists study the lowest and even smaller scales.

Dark matter is made up of particles that do not have a charge – which means they do not interact through electromagnetic interactions

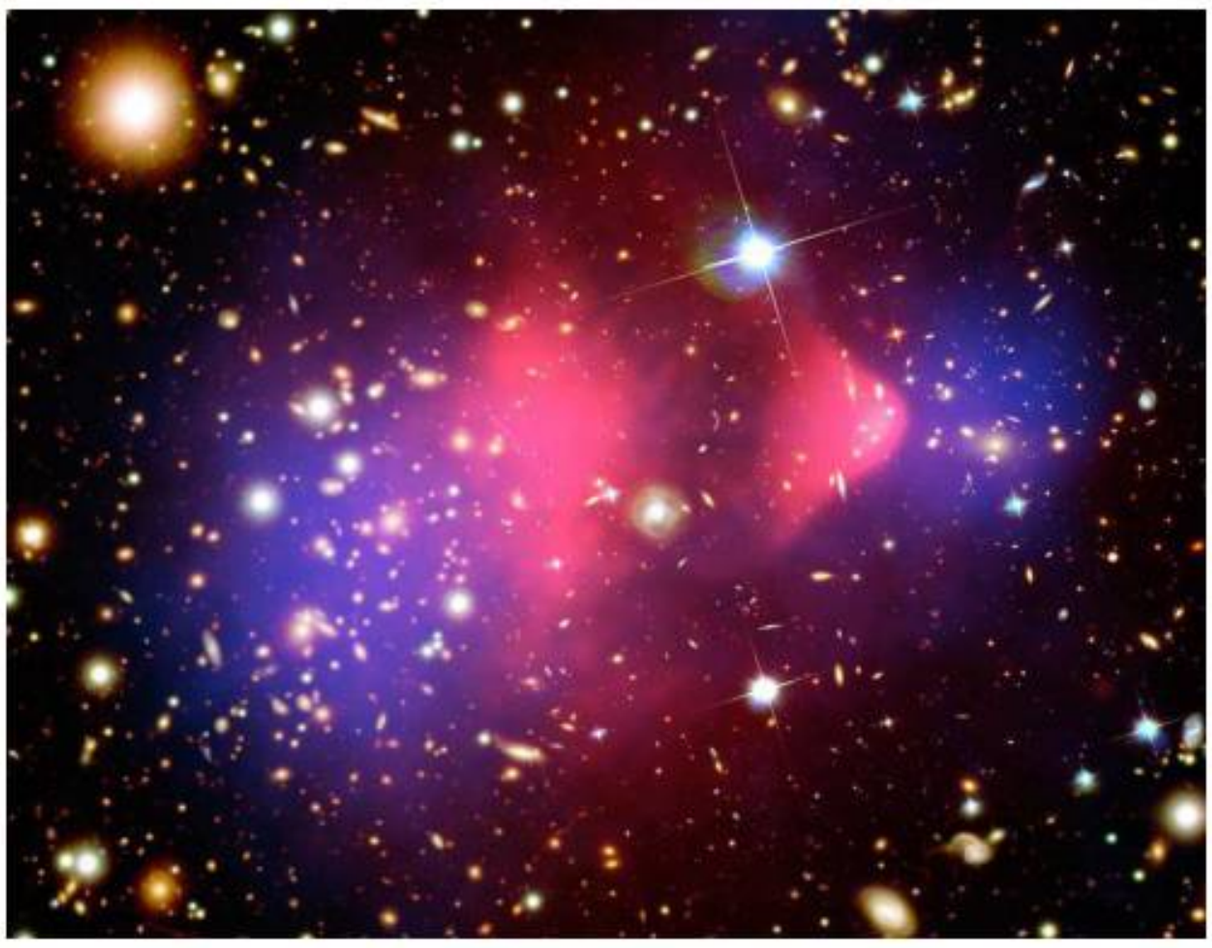
In this context, the second evidence came from observations of the so-called Bullet cluster of galaxies. The Bullet cluster is formed through the merging of two galaxy clusters. Physicists found from their calculations that the way these mergers took place could not be fully explained if we believed that the visible universe were all that existed. Therefore, there should be something like dark matter as well as an estimate of how much dark matter there should be in the universe.

Similar arguments exist from mappings of the universe such as the Sloan Digital Sky Survey and studies of the filamentous nature of the universe at a closer look. While fixing the model could help explain away one of these discrepancies, not all of them can be explained in the same manner. Hence physicists now take the concept of dark matter very seriously.

What are the candidates for dark matter particles?

"The neutrino would have been an excellent candidate if it had been more massive," says Shrihari Gopalakrishna of The Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai, who has worked on the theory of dark matter. However, being too light, it doesn't fit the bill. Other postulated entities include the supersymmetric partner of the Z boson, a particle that mediates the electro-weak interaction. Yet other explanations talk about "hidden sector particles" and Axions, a boson and a condensate of dark matter. There are many other theories.

The search is on to find one of these candidates, for the story is one that spins together gravity, supersymmetry, hidden worlds and is the stuff of which science fiction is made.



This composite image shows a Bullet cluster formed after the collision of two large clusters of galaxies. •NASA/CXC/M. WEISS - CHANDRA X-RAY OBSERVATORY

EXPLAINER

The new guidelines to prevent unfair trade practices

Why has the Central Consumer Protection Authority issued new guidelines? How do they protect consumer interests?

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The story so far: On July 4, the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) announced five guidelines to prevent unfair trade practices and to protect consumer interests regarding the levy of service charges in hotels and restaurants. The guidelines are in addition to the Centre's 2017 guidelines which prohibit the levy of service charges on consumers by hotels and restaurants, and terms the charging for anything other than "the prices displayed on the menu card along with the applicable taxes" without "express consent" of the customer as "unfair trade practices".

What are the powers of the CCPA?

The CCPA has been established to regulate matters related to the violation of the rights of consumers. Under the Consumer Protection Act (CPA), 2019, the authority was established to regulate violations of consumer rights, unfair trade practices, and false or misleading advertisements that are prejudicial to the interest of the public.

The CCPA has authority under section 18 of the CPA, 2019 to protect, promote and most importantly enforce

the rights of the consumers and prevent violation of their rights under the Act. It also seeks to ensure that no person engages in unfair trade practices. It is also empowered to issue guidelines to enforce the rights of the consumers laid down in the Act. The authority has issued a letter to the Chief Secretaries of the States on service charge imposition, asking them to ensure compliance with the new guidelines on service charges. It has also been said that the State should instruct all the district magistrates to take appropriate action against violations of the guideline.

What is a service charge?

A service charge is a tip or a direct transaction between the customer and the restaurant staff, specifically the wait staff. It is a fee collected to pay for services associated with the purchase of a primary product or service. It is collected by hospitality sectors and food and beverage industries as a fee for serving customers.

What do the new guidelines specify?

As per the new guidelines, hotels or restaurants are prohibited from levying extra charges automatically or by default in the bill or by any other name. Also, they are not allowed to force service charges, and must clearly inform the consumers that service charges are voluntary, optional, and at their discretion. Most importantly, hotels and restaurants are no longer allowed to restrict entry or services based on the collection of service charges. Furthermore, hotels cannot add service charges to their bills and charge GST on the total.

The point here is that any tip, donation, token, gratuity, etc., is no longer permitted to be charged and shall be considered as a separate transaction between the consumer and the staff of the hotel and restaurant. It is entirely up to the consumer to decide whether or not to tip. If a consumer enters a restaurant or orders something, the restaurant policy cannot require them to tip. Therefore, consumers cannot be forced to pay a service charge without having the choice to decide whether they want to do so.

Why were new guidelines issued?

The CCPA has taken cognisance of various grievances that were registered on the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) related to the unnecessary levying of service charges in the bill. Usually, this charge is levied in addition to the total price of the food items mentioned on the menu and applicable taxes, often in the guise of some other fee. The said guidelines now consider charging a customer other than the price of food items displayed on the menu along with applicable taxes, as an 'unfair trade practice' under the CPA.

In general, the price of any product covers both the cost of the product and the cost of the service. This implies that the price of food and beverages served in the hotels and restaurants includes the price of the 'service'. There is no restriction on hotels or restaurants to set the prices at which they want to offer food or beverages to consumers. Placing an order involves consent to pay only the prices of food items displayed on the menu along with applicable taxes. Charging anything other than the said amount would amount to 'unfair trade practice' under the Act.

What are the redressal mechanisms?

If any consumer finds that a hotel or restaurant is levying a service charge in violation of these guidelines, they may request the concerned hotel or restaurant to remove the service charge from the bill or may lodge a complaint on the NCH, which works as an alternate dispute redressal mechanism at the pre-litigation level by calling 1915 or through the NCH mobile app. A complaint may also be filed against unfair trade practice with the Consumer Commission electronically through edaakhil.nic.in. for its speedy and effective redressal.

As a result of these new guidelines, consumers will no longer be subject to involuntary payments under the heading of 'service tax'. However, it will be interesting to observe the effective compliance of these guidelines by restaurants since levying a service charge has become an 'accepted trade practice' in India.

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THE GIST

- On July 4, the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) announced five key guidelines to prevent unfair trade practices regarding the levy of service charges in hotels and restaurants.
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IN BRIEF

New V-C

BENGALURU

Jayakara S.M., Principal and Head of the Department of Prosthodontics, Maruthi College of Dental Science and Research Centre, Bengaluru, has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University. The Governor of Karnataka issued a notification in this regard on Monday.

Elected

BENGALURU

The Indian Gymkhana Club elections-2022 was conducted last week.

According to a release from IGC, the newly elected members are: B. Venkateshappa, president, Harish R.M, vice-president, Manmohan Shankar, joint secretary, Keshavan, treasurer. Sharmila Ravinder, Ramanand Reddy, Jatinder Bharadwaj, Srinath R.M, Ganesh N.S., and Girish C., have been elected as executive committee members.

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Land acquistion: BMRCL pays compensation of ₹65 cr. to NICE

'Relief has been paid wherever sale deeds are in the name of NICE'

SUCHITH KIDIYOOR
BENGALURU

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has paid ₹65 crore as compensation, for acquiring the Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprise Limited (NICE) land for the ongoing Namma Metro metro projects.

BMRCL had estimated that acquiring close to 19,409 sqm of NICE land would cost over ₹100 crore.

Sources in BMRCL said that the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB), the agency acquiring the land on behalf of BMRCL, has paid close to ₹65 crore compensation after verifying the documents.

Namma Metro work in progress at NICE Road junction on Mysuru Road in Bengaluru. • FILE PHOTO

An official of BMRCL said, "Wherever the sale deeds of the land acquired for the metro project are in the name of NICE, compensation has been paid. In the case of original owners, who gave land to the NICE project and did not receive compensation from the NICE, the award has been passed and the compensation money will be deposited in the courts. Based on court orders, further steps will be taken".

Sources said that for acquiring the NICE land near the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC) on Tumakuru Road, compensation of ₹15.04 crore has been paid for 3,327 sqm, and for the remaining 4,792 sqm, the document verification is on.

BMRCL had acquired the land for building a viaduct and for the construction of a metro station for extending the Green Line from Nagasandra to Madavara (BIEC).

On Hosur Road, compensation of ₹49.42 crore was paid for acquiring 6,785 sqm of land. Here, the BMRCL has built the Electronics City (I) metro station and an elevated corridor of the R.V. Road to Bommasandra line. The official said compensation is yet to be paid for acquiring land on Kanakpura Road and Mysuru Road.

Delay in acquiring the NICE land had impacted the metro project. The matter of acquiring the land had also reached the State government.

The main bone of contention was fixing compensation packages for acquiring the land. There were instances of BMRCL seeking police protection to carry out the work.

"BMRCL is already in possession of the NICE land required for the metro project. Civil works are going at a good pace. At Hosur Road and Mysuru Road, works are nearing completion. On Kanakpura Road, the depot project will be taken up shortly," said an official.

BMRCL paying compensation for acquiring the NICE land snowballed into a controversy and JD(S) leaders had taken objections, alleging that the NICE had violated norms while building and operating the tolled expressway.

Empty beer bottles hurled at Flybus near Ramanagaram

Passenger sitting next to the window suffers minor injuries

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

People travelling by the Flybus operated from the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) to Mysuru spent some anxious moments, after two beer bottles came crashing through the side window.

The incident occurred on Monday at around 2 a.m. There were 17 passengers in the bus at the time of the incident. An official of the KSRTC said that two people riding on a bike hurled empty bottles at the window.

Devicharan, who travelled in the bus, posted photos of the broken window on social media. He said, "Two beer bottles came crashing into the Flybus while it was moving through Ramanagaram. Passengers woke up to two simultaneous noises. Fortunately, those sitting at that window seat sustained only minor injuries".

Mr. Devicharan said that shards of the broken window spread to nearby seats where passengers were sleeping, including a 15-month-old baby.

The affected window of the Flybus. An official of the KSRTC said that two people riding on a bike hurled empty bottles at the window. • IMAGE COURTESY DEVICHARAN ON TWITTER

He also claimed that there was no first-aid kit in the bus. "Is it not mandatory to have a first aid kit in public transport?", said Mr. Devicharan.

> **Two beer bottles came crashing into the Flybus while it was moving through Ramanagaram. Passengers woke up to two simultaneous noises.**
>
> DEVICHARAN, Passenger on the bus

An official of the KSRTC said that as per information shared by the crew members of the bus, the two people riding on bike pelted empty beer bottles on the left side window. A case has been filed with the Ramanagaram police and a miscreant was also arrested.

When asked about the non-availability of a first-aid kit, the official said there was one available in the bus.

After the incident, the crew arranged another bus for the passengers.

Gang from Mumbai held on charge of stealing

'Women would pose as domestic servants and commit crime'

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The city police have busted a gang of three women from Mumbai, who posed as domestic help and stole valuables from the houses where they worked.

The gang, arrested and wanted in several cases in Mumbai, had recently shifted their operation to Bengaluru and had used social media platforms to make inroads into the city.

Aravind, a resident of Hennur, lodged a complaint on May 6 that a domestic help, Subbalakshmi, hailing from Dakshina Kannada district, had joined work at their house and within three days, she fled stealing 250 grams gold jewellery and 100 grams of silver coins.

Mr. Aravind had got her reference and contact on a Facebook group, 'Refer House Maids, Bangalore'.

She even submitted an Aadhaar card in the name of Subbalakshmi, a resident of Dakshina Kannada district.

The helper's mobile number and her visuals from CCTV cameras deployed near Mr. Aravind's house led the Hennur police to Mumbai. "The mobile number was registered in Mumbai and the person had lost his phone to a pickpocket one month ago," the police said.

The photographs of the culprit had helped the police share it with the Mumbai police, who recognised her as a known offender, sources said.

However, the gang was at large. Technical investigation in Mumbai and Bengaluru, trailing them for weeks, led to their arrest recently.

The arrested have been identified as Priyanka Rajesh, 29, Mahadevi, 26, and Vanita Gaikwad, 37, all hailing from Mumbai.

Vanita was the person who joined Mr. Aravind's house in the city posing as Subbalakshmi. She joined work on May 3 and fled on May 6 after stealing valuables from the house.

Vanita is a habitual offender and has over 30 cases of theft registered against her in Mumbai. The gang used to roam the streets of Mumbai asking security guards if any flats needed domestic help, join work, and flee after stealing valuables.

New system for space observation launched

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

As India takes more steps forward to combat the problem of space debris, around 60 new startups have registered with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) since the "unlocking of space sector".

Many of them are working in debris management, said Jitender Singh, Union Minister of State, Science and Technology, Atomic Energy and Space on Monday, while inaugurating the ISRO system for safe and sustainable space operations management (IS4OM) at ISRO Control Centre, in Peenya.

The new facility will help the country in space situational awareness (SSA) and space traffic management.

In 1952 the amount of space debris was only two, but today the number has crossed 25,000, the Minister revealed. "This is a timely launch," he said, adding that as the amount of space debris increases, this system will provide timely, accurate, and efficient information on on-orbit collision, fragmentation, atmospheric re-entry risk, space-based strategic information, hazardous asteroids, and space weather forecast.

The newly inaugurated ISRO System for Safe & Sustainable Space Operations Management (IS4OM), at ISTAC campus, Peenya, on Monday. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Citing the recent incidents of space debris falls in Gujarat and Maharashtra, both Mr. Singh and Secretary, Department of Space and Chairman of ISRO S. Somanath spoke about how the continuous monitoring of debris with the new system will help ISRO warn people about such incidents accurately.

Mr. Somanath said, "This is our first step towards sustainable space activity. We will continue strengthening our manpower, analytical databases, and other resources. To tackle the problem of space debris, we need our own data of our space objects as well as those of other countries".

Along with observation of space objects, IS4OM will also safeguard India's operational space assets.

He mentioned that other nations are also cooperating in this project and when a space debris is returned to Earth, it will be given back to the respective countries when they make a claim.

Mr. Singh also said that strategic applications of SSA will include identification and monitoring of other operational spacecrafts with close approaches which have overpasses over Indian regions and those who conduct intentional manoeuvres with suspicious motives and seek a re-entry within the region.

Speaking about the space startups, the Minister said that they have proposals which vary from nano-satellite, launch vehicle, ground systems, and research.

BBMP starts enforcing SUP ban

990 cases have been booked since July 1 till date

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has begun enforcing the ban on single-use plastic (SUP) in the city and civic officials have conducted surprise inspection of shops, markets and other places.

They have booked 990 cases, seized 1,380 kg of SUP, and collected a fine of ₹5.97 lakh from July 1, when the SUP ban came into force, till July 10.

The civic body said that Marshals and junior health officers will henceforth regularly conduct surprise inspections, seize SUP, impose penalty, and create awareness about the ban.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike officials and marshals carried out suprise inspection at shops to check for the use of banned plastic in Bengaluru on Monday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client has agreed to take on long term lease the Schedule property, from its owner **SRI.N.HANUMANTHA REDDY S/o Sri Nallappa Reddy,** residing at No.255/2, 1st Cross, Lal Bahadur Nagar (Extn.of) B.Channasandra, Banaswadi Post, Bengaluru -560043.

Apart from the said owner, if any person/s have any right, title, interest or claim over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, are hereby called upon to file their objection/s or claims with the undersigned (along with the photocopies of the documents based on which they rely for asserting their rights), **within 14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

(i) All that piece and parcel of Commercial Building known as '**ANR Complex**' consisting of Ground Floor admeasuring 4,159.64 Sq.ft and First Floor admeasuring 5,203.61 Sq.ft; along with (ii) exclusive parking space equivalent to 8 car parks in the basement for parking of vehicles of all descriptions and (iii) exclusive rights to use and occupy the surface area on the north east and (iv) exclusive rights to use and occupy the Open Space on the South west side of the building constructed on the land bearing Sy.No.46/1, admeasuring 1 Acre and 17 Guntas, bearing BBMP Khatha No.1974, situated at Ramamurthy Nagar Main Road, Banaswadi Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.25 and bounded as follows :

East by : Papamma layout 30 ft Road
West by : Private Property (JK Timbers),
North by : 20 ft Road
South by : Ramamurthy Nagar Main Road

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

IN THE COURT OF THE SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE, AT CHIKBALLAPUR
OS No. 304/2019

Between:
Mr. MK RAJU AND ORS ...Plaintiffs
and
Mr. C. NAGARAJ AND ORS.
...Defendants

DRAFT PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
1. Mr. C. NAGARAJ (AKA H. C. NAGARAJ) Aged about 54 Yrs., S/O Late R. CHANNARAYAPPA,
2. Mrs. ANANDAMMA, Aged about 45 Yrs, Wife of H. C. NAGARAJ
3. Mr. N. LAKSHMAN GOWDA (AKA VARUN) Aged about 26 Yrs, S/o H. C. NAGARAJ
4. Mr. N. HARSHIT GOWDA, Aged about 20 Yrs, S/o H. C. NAGARAJ
All residing at: No. D5, 2nd Cross, Near Mini Vidhana Soudha, Railway Station Road, Sugappa Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064

Whereas, the above-named Plaintiffs have instituted the above suit for specific performance and permanent injunction interalia with respect to the Suit Schedule Property. The Plaintiffs have filed an Application under Order VI Rule 17 for Amendment of Plaint, numbered as I.A. No. 7. Whereas, it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Hon'ble Court that you cannot be served in the ordinary way of service of summons.

You all are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on **27/07/2022 at 11 'o' clock** in the forenoon to answer the claim, failing which the Application will be heard and disposed of ex parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
SCHEDULE A PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of east facing site, bearing number 105, measuring 30' feet X 40' feet in all measuring 1200 square feet, formed out of lands bearing Sy. No. 47/2 measuring 5 Guntas, Sy. No. 47/3 measuring 24 Guntas and Sy. No. 45/3 measuring 7 ½ Guntas, situated at 'Elite Springs' Amanimanchana Belekere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikballapura Taluk, Chikballapura District.

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY

Site Numbers (allotted towards their entitlement of 8862 Sq. Ft., saleable area as per the Joint Development Agreement dated 30.11.2012 and Sharing Agreement dated 21.09.2017) bearing Site Numbers 82, 99, 100, 101, 102, 104 and 105, formed out of lands bearing Sy. No.47/2 measuring 5 Guntas, Sy. No.47/3 measuring 24 Guntas and Sy. No.45/3 measuring 7 X Guntas, in the residential layout "Elite Springs" situated at Amanimanchana belakere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chikballapura Taluk, Chikballapura District.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 11-07-2022.

By Order of the Court
Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge at Chickballapur
Place: Chickaballapura
Date: 12-07-2022

KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
No.49, "Parisara Bhavana", 1st to 5th Floor, Church Street, Bengaluru - 560 001. Karnataka State. INDIA.
Ph: 25581383, 25589112, 25589113 Fax: 080-25586321
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No:PCB/165/SEO/MINES/EPH/2022-23/2456 Date: 08.07.2022

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

Sri. Srirama Reddy has proposed to undertake Quarrying of Natural Sand of capacity 68,166 TPA over an area 9-26 Acres at Sy.No. 46, Urtala Village, Molakalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga District, Karnataka. The project proponent has to obtain Environmental Clearance from SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, as per the EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 (as amended on 01.12.2009), and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing. As per the SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, **Terms of Reference letter (ToR) No. SEIAA 82 MIN 2021 dated: 07.08.2021** and request of the project proponent letter dated 21.05.2022,the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the Board.

The details of the project are as follows:

1. Name of the Proponent & Address: Sri. Srirama Reddy, S/o H. Thimmappa, House No.- 201, Ward No.- 01, J B Halli, Jahagirbuddenahalli, Rampura, Chitradurga District. Karnataka- 577540.

2. Location of Proposed Quarry: Sy.No. 46, Urtala Village, Molakalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga District, Karnataka.

3. Details of proposed activity: **Quarrying of Natural Sand of capacity 68,166 TPA.**

4. Pollution Control Measures proposed: Septic tank & Soak pit will be provided for the disposal of domestic waste water generated from quarry office. Rainwater collected during the rainy season in the mine will be used for dust suppression and plantation. Regular sprinkling of water on haul and access roads. Regular maintenance of all equipment to minimize particulate matter and gaseous emissions from diesel engines. Plantation of thick greenbelt is provided around lease area boundary.

5. Date, time and venue of Environmental public hearing: 12.08.2022 (Friday) at 12:00 noon at Sy.No. 46, Urtala Village, Molakalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga District, Karnataka.

6. Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are: (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga District. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Chitradurga. (c) District Industries Centre, Chitradurga. (d) Taluk Panchayath, Molakalmuru. (e) Tahsildar Office Chitradurga. (f) Village Panchayath Office, Urtala. (g) Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Chitradurga (h) SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 706, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru – 560 001. (i) **HELP DESK**, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification. They can also make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Kamataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga District, Chitradurga). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website: **kspcb.karnataka.gov.in**.

Sd/-
Member Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public are hereby informed that my client **MRS.MEHERUN NESSA MOLLAH,** W/o Mr.Abdul Hasan, Aged about 37 years, Residing at No.63, 2nd Floor, 6th Cross, Mangammanapalya Main Road, Opp: Salarpuria Serenity, Mangammanapalya, Bangalore-560 68, is Intend to Purchase the schedule property from its owner **Mr.VISHNUVARDHAN.T,** S/o Late Thimmaiah, Aged about 49 years, Residing at No.985/37/1, 4th Cross, 2nd Block, BSK 1st Stage, Ashok Nagar, Bangalore-560 050.

The general public are hereby notified that in case if any person/s asserting any legitimate right, objection/s or claim over the schedule property or any part thereof, they may forward such rightts or objection/s or claim/s along with the relevant documentary proof, to the undersigned with **7 days** from hereof. All such claims/objections received after 7 days from the date of notification shall not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing vacant **Site No.609,** situated at **Sector-VII, Hosur Sarjapura Road (HSR) Layout, Bangalore,** a layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, now within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike measuring **East to West 6.05 Meters** and **North to South 9.85 Meters,** totally measuring **59.59 Square Meters.,** BBMP Khatha bearing No.1256/609, under DA/KTR/1343/2014-15, vide M.R.No.319/2014-15, dated:05.03.2015., together with all rights, appurtenance whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded as follows:

East by : Site No.610, West by : Site No.608
North by : Site No.604, South by : Road.

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi

No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-2/TENDER/2022-23/2023 DATE: 07/07/2022

Short Term E-Tender Notification (Call-2)

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Retender from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 2 works under head of account 5054-MDR Improvements. Amount put to tender is Rs. 350.88 Lakhs for each work.

Calendar of events :1)Pre-bid meeting date: 14-07-2022 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 16-07-2022 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 18-07-2022 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 20-07-2022 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
PWD Division Chikkodi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-582/MCA/2022-23

At constant odds: People from tribal villages fishing in rain water flowing from the Eastern Ghats at Kasipatnam on June 11 in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. • FILE PHOTO

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Failing the forest

Both human and wildlife rights groups have not used the Forest Rights Act as a conservation tool

BAHAR DUTT

On June 28, the Environment Ministry notified the Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 under the Forest (Conservation) Act to replace the earlier rules. Rajya Sabha member and Congress politician Jairam Ramesh lashed out against the Centre stating that the government is trying to dilute the Forest Rights Act, 2006 with the new conservation rules. Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav clarified that the new rules "do not dilute or infringe on" the provisions of the FRA. But has the FRA ever been a tool for forest conservation? In this article dated March 4, 2019, Bahar Dutt explains how the FRA has mostly been used as a weapon by NGO lobbyists to evict/retain forest dwellers.

On February 13, the Supreme Court ordered the eviction of more than 10 lakh Adivasis and other forest dwellers from forestland across 17 States. The petitioners, mainly wildlife NGOs, had demanded that State governments evict those forest dwellers whose claims over traditional forestland under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, known simply as the Forest Rights Act (FRA), had been rejected. On February 28, the court stayed its controversial order and asked the States to submit details on how the claims of the dwellers were decided and the authorities competent to pass final rejection orders.

While the Supreme Court has now made it clear that there will be no forcible eviction, what the order has succeeded in doing is resuscitating a sharp binary between the human rights- and wildlife rights-based groups that have for decades tried to swing public opinion in their favour.

The wildlife groups who went to court argue that implementation of the FRA could lead to 'encroachments' and fresh clearance of forestland for human dwellings.

The human rights groups have argued that the FRA was passed by Parliament and is aimed at correcting historical injustices to traditional forest dwellers who, since colonial times, have been subject to a cycle of evictions.

Since colonial times, as governments asserted their control over forests, India's forest history has become a cycle of evictions from forestland and rebellions by forest dwellers.

A fundamental difference

Now, here's the problem. Both groups have been so locked in ideological debates – whether in the courtroom or on social media – that they have failed to protect what could potentially have been beneficial to their respective interest groups: the forest. The FRA was meant for forest dwellers, but it could have also been a powerful tool for conservation. Sadly, both sides have propagated misinformation to garner support for themselves.

Since colonial times, as governments asserted their control over forests, India's forest history has become a cycle of evictions from forestland and rebellions by forest dwellers

The first myth that needs to be busted for the wildlife lobby is that when a right is recognised of a forest dweller/Adivasi on a piece of land, it doesn't mean that he/she will cut down all the trees in that area. This is often the strongest note of dissonance between the two groups – the implication that recognising rights on forestland is the same as clear-felling that forest. Therefore, to argue that the rights of millions of forest dwellers have been recognised through the Act does not mean that the forest is a pie to be divided. On the other hand, when forestland is 'diverted' for big development projects, like mining or highways or roads, it is actually clear felled or submerged. If this fundamental difference between 'recognition of rights' and 'diversion' were accepted, the groups at loggerheads would in fact find grounds for commonality.

It is in fact the Supreme Court that paved the way for this commonality in 2013 when it asked the gram sabhas to take a decision on whether the Vedanta group's $1.7 billion bauxite mining project in Odisha's Niyamgiri Hills could go forward or not. It thus affirmed the decision-making power of the village councils of Rayagada and Kalahandi under the FRA. All 12 gram sabhas unanimously rejected mining in the hills.

Again, in 2016, it was the FRA that was invoked by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) when the people of Lippa in Himachal Pradesh were given the powers to decide whether or not they wanted a hydel power project in this area. The project would have led to submergence of forestland and also caused heavy siltation in the river.

When wildlife groups point towards the thousands of 'bogus claims' that are being filed and that should be rejected, what should not go unnoticed is that the state in fact is not always keen to recognise the rights of people in forest areas (even if it may get them votes) as it becomes tough to 'divert' land for big projects. A case in point is the Mapithel Dam that is under construction in Manipur. Once commissioned, it will submerge 1,215 hectares (ha) of land, 595 ha of which are under forest cover. In 2015, the NGT had asked for the state to seek forest clearance for the project. To obtain forest clearance, the State government would have to prove that the rights of the tribal people and forest dwellers would not be affected. However, the State government refused to recognise the rights of the people living there since it was keen to construct the dam.

There have been hundreds of cases that offered both these divergent groups the opportunity to come together for the cause of the environment and communities. Can the two groups put down their metaphoric swords and use their powers to fight the battle that needs to be fought?

Correcting historical injustice

Likewise, could not the same wildlife NGOs which filed this petition in the Supreme Court have joined hands with the local communities and used the FRA to challenge big development projects coming up on forestland instead? Human rights groups too cannot be absolved of blame. Most of them have been quick to respond when the judiciary steps in, but have been missing when it comes to the tedious groundwork of working with the gram sabhas and ensuring that genuine claims are filed. The same human rights groups did not come forward to fight cases that could have helped conservation as well as the people who live in those areas. Both groups have failed the forest. There is a chance to correct the historical injustice has been inflicted on the people and to India's forests. And it is through the FRA that India can achieve that aim.

Bahar Dutt is an environment journalist

THE GIST

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Novak Djokovic won a seventh Wimbledon title and his 21st Grand Slam crown on July 10 with a four-set triumph over Nick Kyrgios. Here is a quiz on the oldest tennis tournament in the world

1 The All England Club is best known as the venue for the Wimbledon Championships. When the club was founded in 1868, which sport was played there? What was the club called?

2 The 1877 Wimbledon Championship was the inaugural championship. Who won? This person was the first player ever to use a specific technique in the game. What is the technique called?

3 Since 2001, the courts used for Wimbledon have been sown with which type of grass to improve durability and strengthen the sward to better withstand the increasing wear of the game?

4 This sports brand has the longest sporting sponsorship in world history, thanks to its association with the Wimbledon Tennis Championship, providing balls for the tournament since 1902. Which is the brand?

5 Traditionally, spectators at the Wimbledon tournament eat these, and they have become culturally synonymous with the tournament. What are they?

6 This term is a British and Japanese analogy which compares the fame of the Wimbledon Championships with the economic success of the U.K.'s industries. What is the term called?

7 The Wimbledon Championship is sometimes referred to by the name of a famous postcode. What is it?

8 She is the only player in history to have ranked No. 1 in singles for a total of 332 weeks, and a record 237 weeks in doubles, making her the only player to have held the top spot in both disciplines for over 200 weeks. Name her.

◄ Both were British tennis players active during the late 19th century. One of them shared the all-time male record of seven Wimbledon singles titles with Pete Sampras until 2017 . Additionally, they won the doubles title five times together. Identify them.

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The "Yellow Revolution" featured a series of demonstrations in this country against a dictatorship of 20 years. Name the dictator, his son and the country. **Ans: Ferdinand Marcos, Ferdinand Marcos Jr, Philippines**

2. An uprising against the ruling military regime forced it to hold elections and bring about other democratic reforms. Name the country and the President who was first nominated by the military regime. **Ans: South Korea, Roh Tae-woo**

3. The "Jasmine Revolution" overthrew long time president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali. One of the reasons for the success in the transition to democracy was the presence of a major trade union among other civil society actors. Name the union and the civil society collective that won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2015 and the country. **Ans: Tunisian General Labour Union, Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet, Tunisia**

4. This military coup which was started by left leaning military officers later received support from a civil resistance movement. Name the country and the revolution that took place here in 1974. **Ans: Portugal, Carnation revolution**

Visual: This former Prime Minister was one of the architects of a peace treaty that ended civil war in his country. **Ans: Baburam Bhattarai**

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KEYWORD

Mill's fourth proposition on capital

How investment funded by savings is the real driver of economic growth

PRASHANTH PERUMAL

Mill's fourth proposition on capital states that "demand for commodities is not demand for labour." It was stated by English political economist John Stuart Mill in his famous 1848 book *The Principles of Political Economy* as one of his four propositions on capital. Mill argued that, contrary to popular belief, labour and other factors of production that go into the making of final goods and services are not really supported by consumer spending but by savings. The understanding of Mill's fourth proposition on capital, English historian Leslie Stephen noted in 1876, is "the best test of a sound economist."

Refuting derived demand

Mill's fourth proposition is seen as a refutation of the idea of "derived demand," which states that demand for labour and other factors of production comes from consumer demand for final goods and services. The idea of derived demand has been widely used by Keynesian economists to argue that consumer spending is the driving force behind economic activity. According to this logic, increased consumer spending on finished goods and services would have a chain effect of causing an increase in the demand for labour and other factors of production. For example, demand among consumers for shoes would increase the demand for the services of cobblers and others involved in the production of shoes. Conversely, if consumer spending were to drop, there would be a drop in the demand for the various factors of production. Saving, by the same logic, would cause a drop in consumer demand and in turn affect demand for the factors of production that go into the making of final goods and services.

A severe drop in consumer spending was believed to be the primary reason behind many major recessions of the past. Hence, policymakers have discouraged savings in order to boost consumer spending believing that things won't be produced unless people are willing to spend money to buy things. Most economists still believe that consumer spending is the key to prosperity and recommend monetary and fiscal stimulus that puts more cash in the hands of consumers. After all, during recessions it is easy to find many goods that are left unsold, and boosting consumer spending seems like the best solution.

Investments and savings

In contrast to the theory of derived demand, Mill's fourth proposition states that labour and other factors of production are not supported by consumer demand. Instead, it argues that the demand for labour and other factors of production comes from investment funded by savings. Without savings, it would not be possible to support the various factors of production over an extended period of time until the final product is fully made and ready to be sold to consumers. So savings, according to Mill, are what really sustain labour and other factors of production. It should be noted that since savings can only come at the cost of spending on immediate consumption, higher consumer spending will actually lead to lower savings and lower investment. This would hamper capital formation and affect economic growth – Mill's second proposition on capital in fact states that capital is formed as a result of the investment of savings. This implies that, in Mill's view, the Keynesian emphasis on consumer spending as the primary driver of economic activity will actually lead to slower economic growth. Supporters of Mill's view on capital do not see economic downturns as primarily the result of a drop in consumer spending. Instead, they view recessions, which are marked by unsold supplies, as the result of entrepreneurial errors that led to the overproduction of certain goods and services and the simultaneous underproduction of others.

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'Eggs and meat lead to lifestyle disorders'

NEP position paper on health and well-being says '*satvik* food' is 'natural food'

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Serving eggs to schoolchildren in midday meals will lead to a discrimination between the students, and given the small body frame of Indians, any extra energy provided through cholesterol by the regular consumption of eggs and meat will lead to lifestyle disorders: these are some of the things described in the National Education Policy (NEP) position paper on health and well-being by an expert committee, headed by John Vijay Sagar, Professor and Head, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, NIMHANS.

"Serving different food to the same graders will lead to an imbalance in the nutrient distribution among children. For example, serving other recipes or food to the same graders, such as egg versus grams or egg versus banana, leads to a nutritional imbalance among children. Additionally, children develop complexes that result in emotional disturbances among friends. Treating all children equally and with no discrimination is authentic Indian philosophy or dharma," the committee says.

The committee has recommended that '*satvik* food' such as groundnuts, sesame laddu/chikki with jaggery are "natural food." These help to overcome stunted growth and anaemia, it says.

The State government is already providing boiled eggs and bananas to government and aided schoolchildren, aged between 6 and 15 and suffering from malnutrition, anaemia, and deficiency of proteins, in the seven districts of Kalyana Karnataka and to the pre-primary students of Karnataka Public Schools. The government is planning to extend this programme across the State too.

For the implementation of the NEP, it is the mandate to upload the position papers on the NCERT website.

The Ministry of Education will use these papers while it compiles each topic, take suggestions, and build the national curriculum framework.

The State government has formed 26 committees to prepare position papers on various topics in school education and to submit to the NCERT.

The position papers included knowledge of India, value education, education in Social Science, pre-school education, and foundation literacy and numeracy, health and wellbeing environmental education, and others.

For instance, the Dr. Sagar-headed committee has recommended in the area of nutrition: "Moderately low fat, and zero trans-fat food is needed to address over-nutrition. Hence, while planning midday meals, cholesterol-free, additives-free, such as eggs, flavoured milk, biscuits, should be forbidden to prevent obesity and hormonal imbalance caused by excess calorie and fat. Lifestyle disorders like diabetes, early menarche, primary infertility in India are escalating, and studies conducted across countries suggest that animal-based foods interfere with hormonal functions in humans. The gene-diet interactions indicate what is best for Indian ethnicity, and the natural choice of the race needs to be considered". The committee also recommended, "Stories about Bheem and Hanuman's eating habits help children link eating the right food to valour, courage, and success. Panchatantra and folk stories about healthcare are to be incorporated".

Experts have expressed concerns over some of the proposals made in the position papers.

"Ever since the NEP-2020 draft copy has been out, there is a description of Indian ethos, culture, traditions, and values as the Indian knowledge system. But, these are not the Indian knowledge system, but the Brahminical knowledge system. These are against the pluralism of Indian culture. Institutions and intellectuals should criticise and raise their voices against this," said V.P. Niranjanaradhaya, development educationist.

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Theories of gravity and Pythagoras have roots in Vedic maths, says committee for knowledge of India

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The committee for knowledge of India, which was headed by V. Ramanathan from IIT(BHU), Varanasi, report described that Pythagoras theorem is fake and the apocryphal story of Newton's apple is propaganda.

The committee also proposed to "preferably" teach all children Sanskrit as a third language and advocating learning of Manusmriti and introducing ancient numerical systems like Bhutasankhya. Theories of gravity and Pythagoras have roots in Vedic maths, the paper says.

The Dr. Ajakkala Girisha Bhat-headed committee's language education position paper proposes a three-language policy with Kannada being mandatory as a language from Classes I to XII. The paper mandates that the medium of instruction till Class V should be the mother tongue or the home language or the local language or Kannada.

When there are children in the class whose mother tongue is English or there are children from other States who do not know the local languages, English may be used in addition to the mother tongue, the home language, the local language or Kannada for teaching.

For other classes, the medium of instruction has to be bilingual.

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BENGALURU

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Nagesh orders inclusion of Narayana Guru lesson

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

At the request of Kannada and Culture Minister V. Sunil Kumar, Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh has ordered the department Principal Secretary to immediately include a lesson on social reformer Narayana Guru in the Class VII Social Science textbook.

Earlier, the Rohith Chakrathirtha-headed textbook revision committee had dropped the lesson from the Social Science part-2 textbook of Class VII.

After outrage over it, the Narayana Guru lesson was included in the Class X first language Kannada textbook.

But, the Billava Sanghas had put immense pressure on Mr. Sunil Kumar and had warned of a massive protest if the inclusion was not made.

MP and BJP State president Nalin Kumar Kateel and Mr. Sunil Kumar had also met Mr. Nagesh to request the Education Department to include the lesson.

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Don't appoint tainted officers to Anti-Corruption Bureau: HC

'Post only those who have credibility and can take the ACB to greater heights'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Observing that tainted officers cannot be posted to institutions such as the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), the High Court of Karnataka on Monday directed the Chief Secretary to post only those officers having credibility and who can take the ACB to greater heights in preventing corruption in administration and to protect the public interest.

The court also directed the Secretary, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR), to ensure that details regarding service records as well as the integrity of the officers concerned be placed before the Chief Secretary while considering the persons to be posted to the ACB.

FROM THE COURT

Justice H.P. Sandesh issued the direction while noticing negative remarks made in the service records of IPS officer Seemant Kumar Singh, Additional Director General of Police (ACB).

The reviewing authority, in the service record, had remarked that Mr. Singh has to give an adequate attention to the police image while performing his duties and while supervising the subordinate officers, etc., the court pointed out.

CBI report

The court took note of the fact from the records that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in 2013 raided the residence of Mr. Singh in connection with his role related to illegal mining when he was posted as Superintendent of Police, Ballari, during 2009-10.

Also, the court noticed from the record that the CBI had sent a report to the State government in 2015 to take action against officers who had failed to take action to stop illegal mining in Ballari, as it is the jurisdiction of the State government to act on instances of corruption against its officers.

Justice Sandesh also directed that the government should not yield to pressure and posting of the officers to the ACB should not be on any consideration, including any internal or external influences. The government was also directed that those officers, whose family members or relatives are facing any complaint before the ACB or the Lokayukta, should not be posted to the ACB.

The court had summoned the service records of Mr. Singh and CBI report on raid conducted on his residence during the hearing of the bail petition filed by a deputy tahsildar, who is an accused in the bribery case against J. Manjunath, the then Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Urban district.

Received 'threat' through a judge during CJ's farewell on July 1: Sandesh

Says he was told Seemant Kumar Singh is from north India and is powerful

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Revealing more details on the 'threat' faced by him through another judge for questioning the functioning of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) and its head in a bribery case against an IAS officer, Justice H.P. Sandesh of the High Court of Karnataka on Monday said he had received the 'threat' during the dinner organised on the court premises on July 1 on the eve of retirement of the then Chief Justice.

"A sitting judge, who came and sat by the side of me, started with words, 'he received a call from Delhi (not disclosed the name from whom the call was received). And said that the person, who called from Delhi, had enquired about me," Justice Sandesh disclosed in his order dictated in the open court. "I immediately replied that am not affiliated to any political party," Justice Sandesh said.

H.P. Sandesh

"That judge did not stop there. He said that the ADGP (Seemant Kumar Singh) is from north India and he is powerful. That judge also gave an instance of transfer of a judge of the High Court earlier...", said Justice Sandesh.

These details were recorded as part of the order during the hearing of a bail petition filed by Mahesh P.S., a deputy tahsildar, who was arrested for accepting ₹5 lakh as bribe allegedly on behalf of IAS officer J. Manjunath, who was the then Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Urban district.

'Intimated concerned'

Earlier, Justice Sandesh orally said that he had already "intimated the concerned" about the "threat" and another judge. He made these observations when a senior advocate sought adjournment of the case while pointing out that Mr. Seemant Kumar Singh, who is the ACB's head, has filed an appeal before the Supreme Court on the remarks made against him by the High Court in the bail matter.

"I have disclosed the name of the judge to those whom I have to intimate. But for the threat, I would not have summoned the service records and records of the ACB... as there was an attack on the independence of the judiciary and interference in judicial proceedings...," Justice Sandesh told Mr. Singh's advocate, who claimed that Mr. Singh has "not given any threat".

When the advocate sought permission to intervene in the proceeding, Justice Sandesh said that he cannot in the absence of an application in writing.

Justice Sandesh reiterated that he had questioned the functioning of the ACB and ADGP (ACB) in public interest on noticing that Mr. Manjunath was not even arraigned as an accused despite having sufficient materials against him.

Water release from dams in Cauvery, Krishna basin increased

People living near banks of the Cauvery in the downstream face threat; curbs imposed on vehicle movement in hilly areas

KARNATAKA BUREAU
MYSURU/HASSAN/MANGALURU/HUBBALLI/KALABURAGI

As an impact of rains that are lashing different parts of the State, the water release from reservoirs in both the Cauvery and Krishna basin was increased on Monday triggering threat to those living in the downstream.

Similarly, restrictions were imposed on movement of vehicles to tourist spots in hilly areas in some places by local authorities.

A view of the Barachukki waterfalls in Chamarajanagar district, and (right) Gaganachukki waterfalls near Malavalli on Monday. ■M.A. SRIRAM

People living near the banks of the Cauvery and its tributaries in the downstream are facing threat as water discharge from the Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) reservoir in Mandya district and Kabini reservoir in Mysuru district was increased.

The outflow from KRS reservoir was stepped up on Monday to the rate of 70,000 cusecs amidst continuous rains in the dam's catchment area in Kodagu.

With the water level of the dam touching 122.54 feet as against the maximum of 124.8 feet, the dam authorities increased the release into the river. The outflow into the river may go up further with the likelihood of increase in the inflow in view of torrential rain in the dam's catchment areas.

The dam authorities have already asked people living in low-lying areas of the river banks to move to safer places.

Kabini dam in Mysuru district is nearing its full reservoir level with the inflow into the dam remaining high. The dam is two feet short of attaining its maximum level. The water was discharged at the rate of 38,000 cusecs at 6 p.m. on Monday. Similarly, the outflow from Harangi dam in Kodagu crossed 25,000 cusecs.

Amidst the threat of floods from overflowing Cauvery in Kollegal taluk in view of heavy outflow from KRS dam, people on the river banks and low lying areas were advised to take precautions and not venture into the river for fishing, bathing cattle and washing clothes.

Chikkamagaluru district administration has imposed restrictions on movement of vehicles to tourist places in hilly ranges.

Chief Minister to tour rain-affected districts

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will be visiting the rain-affected districts of Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada, and Udupi on Tuesday to monitor the relief work being undertaken.

"Heavy rains are lashing Malnad, Kodagu, Uttara Kannada, and coastal regions for the past 10 days. I have interacted with the Deputy Commissioners concerned through videoconference," he told reporters here on Monday. "The DCs have been asked to take up rescue and relief works. As the rains have abated, I will visit the affected areas starting Tuesday to take stock of the situation and issue necessary instructions to take up relief works," he told reporters.

As per the tour schedule released by the Chief Minister's office, Mr. Bommai will reach Mysuru airport on Tuesday morning and travel to Kodagu district by road. He will be taking stock of the rain-related damages in Madikeri and interact with district-level officials. He will then proceed to Dakshina Kannada district.

Police inaction over multiple death threats baffles writers

K.V. ADITYA BHARADWAJ
BENGALURU

An individual, who signs off as "Sahishnu Hindu" (tolerant Hindu), has written at least 19 death threat letters to writers to their residential addresses, since April 2022, the latest being to Chitradurga-based writer B.L. Venu.

Many writers have got more than one letter, and Mr. Venu himself has got two so far.

Despite the letters being brought to the notice of the police in various places in the State, the letter writer is still at large. In fact, the police have not filed FIRs in most cases, which has shocked writers and Opposition leaders.

THE TARGETED

- Kum. Veerabhadrappa **6 letters**
- Banjagere Jayaprakash - **5 letters**
- B.T. Lalitha Naik, B.L. Venu, Chandrashekhar Talya - **2 letters each**
- Vasundhara Bhupati, S.G. Siddaramaiah - **1 letter each**
- First letter to Kum. Veerabhadrappa in April 2022. Latest letter to B.L. Venu on July 10, 2022

COMMON FEATURES OF THE LETTERS

- Same handwriting
- Several letters have the same text, similar sentences
- Same set of targets - 61 writers who signed an open letter to the Chief Minister during the hijab row, Opposition leaders Siddaramaiah, H.D. Kumaraswamy, B.K. Hariprasad, and writers who have withdrawn permission for using their texts in revised textbooks
- Starts with "Om, Sri, Om"
- Signed off as "Sahishnu Hindu"
- Many letters to different writers posted from the same post office the same day

Two deaths

With two writers M.M. Kalburgi and Gauri Lankesh being assassinated and their killers being caught when they were in the advanced stage of executing a conspiracy to assassinate K.S. Bhagawan, these threat letters have raised fears among the writers' families and friends.

"Our families are concerned and this acts as a pressure on writers to censor themselves. The lack of action by the police and the government, though not surprising, is condemnable," said writer S.G. Siddaramaiah. Some of those who have received letters were also on the "hit list" recovered from Gauri Lankesh's alleged killers.

The letters, uniformly, condemn the writers for their progressive and alleged "anti-Hindu" stances and threaten to kill them. The letters also threaten to kill Opposition leaders Siddaramaiah, H.D. Kumaraswamy and B.K. Hariprasad, though no letters have been sent to them.

Going by the comparison of various letters now available, it appears that it is the same person's handwriting, who begins the letter with "Om, Sri, Om". In the content of many letters, the list of targets named are often the same. "Several writers have got threat letters on the same day, posted from the same post office. For instance, B.T. Lalitha Naik and I got similar letters with the same handwriting and content posted from Davangere the same day," said writer Vasundhara Bhupati. Till date these letters have been posted from Davangere, Haveri, Kalaburagi, Shivamogga, Bengaluru and various post offices across the State. The letters began by targeting 61 writers who wrote an open letter to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai during the hijab controversy in March, 2022. Later they targeted writers who have opposed school textbook revision by the BJP government.

Writer Kum. Veerabhadrappa has till date got six threat letters. Another writer Banjagere Jayaprakash has got five threat letters.

"In many cases, like mine, the police have refused to register FIRs," said Ms. Bhupati, who lodged a complaint with Basaveshwaranagar police. The police have filed a non-cognisable report. Two FIRs have been registered in connection with two letters to former Minister and writer B.T. Lalitha Naik, but not in other cases. In most cases, police have visited their houses and offered to provide security.

Threat to dissent

"Threats to all voices of dissent seem to be normalised in the State. It is sad that Karnataka has come to this," said Mr. Veerabhadrappa. Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council B.K. Hariprasad termed the campaign a "covert agenda of the ruling regime to scuttle all voices of dissent and Opposition in the country."

When contacted, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra and DG & IGP Praveen Sood promised to look into the issue and take action. "I have asked the police to nab the culprit at the earliest. We will also provide security to the writers if needed," Mr. Jnanendra said. Mr. Sood said FIRs will be registered at all police stations wherever writers approach the police and the culprit will be brought to book.

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This is to notify on behalf of "Artha Social Welfare Organization" constituted under Indian Trust Act 1882, being the registration number SHR-4-00034-2015-16. That recently through some local newspaper it was came to know that Ms. Rekha Hedge has collected some amount from the public in the name of social development. It is declared that no money has been received by Trust from Ms. Rekha Hedge and if any person / organization paid any amount to Ms. Rekha Hedge that will be for her personal activities and Trust has no connections with all the money and no portion has been used for any activities of the society. If in case the other trustee signature is done forgery in any money transaction or in the name of any social service activity in other trustee absence, the trust and the other trustees are not responsible for the same. It is further declared that Mr. Shivaraj B. is no longer associated with the trust from 2017 to till date or associated with any activities related to trust or as an individual referenced to the date of this publication. In no circumstances no objections/claims shall be entertained hereafter.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the Citizens of Bengaluru that Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited., K RIDE have submitted an application to the undersigned for removal of trees standing between Baiyappanahalli to Chikkabanawar in Corridor-2 for Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project (BSRP), The details area given below.

Name of the Project	Correidor-2 of Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project (BSRP), Package-1 between Baiyappanahalli to Lottegollahalli			
Name of the Agency	Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited, K RIDE			
Purpose for removal of tree	For the implementation of the above mentioned Project, the trees are standing within the Alignment and Construction works between Baiyappanahalli to Lottegollahalli of length 14.900 Kms.			
Description of the area with clear demarcation of boundaries or with GPS readings	To	Latitude N	Longitude E	Location
	1	12.99191988°	77.66651509°	Area Starting from Baiyappanahalli
	2	13.046105°	77.565710°	Area Ending at Lottegollahalli
Enumeration of Trees Total no. of trees standing in the projects area / Total no. of trees proposed to be removed	1430 Nos (Annexure-1)	Description of Trees, Species, Location, Area, ect., are uploaded in the website of BBMP for information of all (www.bbmp.gov.in)		
Mode of communication of comments (Public can send their comments either by E-mail / Post / Hand)	Address: The Deputy Conservator of Forests & Tree Officer, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bangalore-560002. E-mail: dcfbbmp12@gmail.com			
Deadline for filing objections	Ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notification * Newspaper Objections/Comments/Suggestions should be relevant and specific to the project			

In view of the above, the suggestions/objections/comments are invited from citizens under Section 8(3) (vii) of the Karnataka Preservation of Tree Act, 1976.

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP

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1	Comprehensive development of road under Tender SURE guidelines with white topping roads Nagarabhavi 80 feet road from outer ring road to Kengunte Circle.	1383.29	Rs. 13.83 Lakhs (Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-procurement & Rs. 12.83 Lakhs through BG)

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement website 2) Pre-bid Meeting: **16.07.2022 at 04.00 p.m.** 3) Last date for submission of bids: **22.07.2022 upto 05.30 p.m.** 4) Date of opening of technical bids: **25.07.2022 at 04.30 p.m.** Further details can be obtained from office of the undersigned or GoK e-procurement website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or e-Procurement Helpdesk : 080-22485867 / 22485927.

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No.EE/RI/KR Pura/TEND/02/2022-23 Date:11.07.2022

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1	Comprehensive Development to Roads, Drains & Footpath of Arterial and Sub Arterial and Other Connecting Roads in R I K.R Pura Division for the Year 2022-23 Package-I	1300/-	13,00,000/-
2	Comprehensive Development to Roads, Drains & Footpath of Arterial and Sub Arterial and Other Connecting Roads in R I K.R Pura Division for the Year 2022-23 Package-2	1150/-	11,50,000/-
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1) Tender documents may be downloaded **13.07.2022 onwards** from e-procurement website 2) Pre-bid Meeting: **18.07.2022 at 03.30 p.m.** 3) Last date for submission of bids: **25.07.2022 upto 04.00 p.m.** 4) Date of opening of technical bids: **26.07.2022 at 04.30 p.m.** Further details can be obtained from office of the undersigned or GoK e-procurement website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or e-Procurement Helpdesk : 080-22485867 / 22485927.

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SC to hear T.N. plea on Mekedatu

Planning of the project is in violation of the Tribunal's decision, says petition

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear on July 19 a plea by Tamil Nadu to restrain the Cauvery Water Management Authority from deliberating or passing any order in regard to the Detailed Project Report (DPR) submitted by Karnataka.

The application by Tamil Nadu, represented by senior advocate G. Umapathy and advocate D. Kumanan, was mentioned before a Bench led by Justice A.M. Khanwilkar.

Tamil Nadu said the proposed construction of the reservoir by Karnataka would have a 'cascading effect'. • FILE PHOTO

Tribunal decision

It has stated that the planning of the Mekedatu project, with a capacity of 67.16 tmcft, power generation of 400 MW and estimated at ₹9,000 crore, was in "gross violation" of the decision of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal of February 5, 2007, which was affirmed by the Supreme Court itself on February 16, 2018.

"The entire objective of the Tribunal's final decision is to ensure that the pattern of the release of water to the downstream State to meet irrigation interests is not jeopardised," Tamil Nadu said.

Tamil Nadu said the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) cannot deliberate or pass any directions on the project when the Supreme Court was seized of the State's applications to direct the Central Water Commission to reject and return the DPR for the project and restrain the Environment Ministry from entertaining any application for clearance relating to the Mekedatu project.

Tamil Nadu said the proposed construction of the reservoir by Karnataka would have a "cascading effect" on the daily and monthly inflows during the crucial months of June to September and "prejudice the livelihood of lakhs of inhabitants of Tamil Nadu depending on the flows from the upstream in Karnataka".

Bengaluru student emerges Karnataka topper in JEE (Main)

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Boya Haren Sathvik from Karnataka secured 100 percentile score in the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE Main) 2022 for Paper 1 (of session 1). He is a student of Narayana College Co-Sindu Bhavan, Sahakaranagar, Bengaluru.

Tanmay Gajapati from Karnataka got 99.9456977 percentile in the Scheduled Tribes (ST) category.

Mr. Haren told *The Hindu*, "While preparing for the exams, I focused on mock examinations. Most of the children panic while seeing the main paper. To avoid that, I practised by attempting mock tests before the main exam. I worked on the errors made while attempting mock exams. Maths being my strongest point, I concentrated on improving my physics and chemistry. I was a little nervous during the last few days. Consistency is important, it builds confidence. The maths exam was the hardest for our batch, but being my strongest point, I could score well. I am currently preparing for my JEE Advanced, to seek admission in IIT-Bombay and pursue Computer Science."

Students from Telangana got the best results with four students scoring 100 percentile, followed by three students from neighbouring Andhra Pradesh.

The National Testing Agency (NTA) announced the result of JEE Main 2022, session-I on July 11.

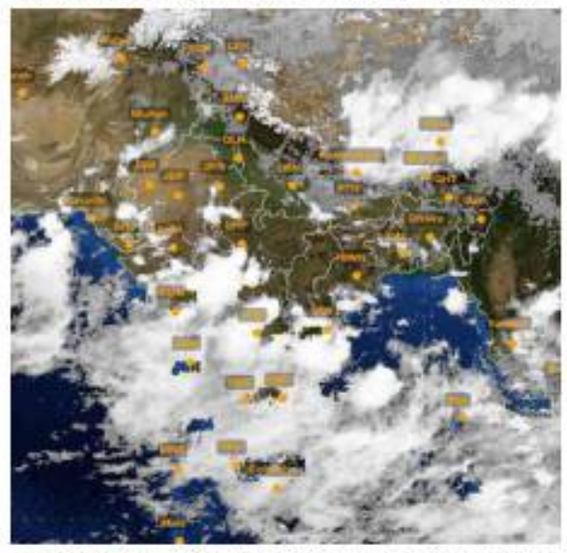
The Joint Entrance Examination, JEE (Main) comprises two papers. Paper 1 is conducted for admission to Undergraduate Engineering Programs (B.E/B.Tech.) at NITs, IIITs, other Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs), Institutions or Universities funded or recognised by participating State Governments.

Paper 2 is conducted for admission to B. Arch and B. Planning courses in India.

JEE (Main) is also an eligibility test for JEE (Advanced), which is conducted for admission to IITs.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at a few/ isolated places over Gujarat, Assam, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra, Vidarbha, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Mahe and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Punjab, Delhi, Sikkim, West Bengal, Rayalaseema and Karaikal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	–	34.4	27.0	Kozhikode	42	29.6	23.8
Ahmedabad	100	31.5	23.5	Kurnool	0.1	28.5	23.5
Aizawl	43	27.8	20.6	Lucknow	–	38.8	30.0
Allahabad	–	39.5	30.3	Madurai	–	34.0	27.1
Bengaluru	0.8	25.6	20.2	Mangaluru	87.5	27.4	21.9
Bhopal	46	32.3	22.8	Mumbai	9	29.4	25.8
Bhubaneswar	6.8	31.4	26.0	Mysuru	10	26.0	19.2
Chandigarh	2.4	36.2	27.0	New Delhi	–	36.9	27.1
Chennai	5	32.9	26.7	Patna	–	37.0	28.4
Coimbatore	2	29.0	22.3	Port Blair	19	28.8	25.2
Dehradun	–	33.8	23.9	Puducherry	–	31.0	25.8
Gangtok	3.2	23.2	18.5	Pune	24.2	23.8	20.7
Goa	14	27.0	24.0	Raipur	23	–	24.5
Guwahati	37	36.0	26.5	Ranchi	28	29.6	22.6
Hubballi	–	23.0	21.0	Shillong	12	26.1	18.0
Hyderabad	16	26.2	21.0	Shimla	6	26.7	20.0
Imphal	–	31.0	22.1	Srinagar	7	26.5	20.8
Jaipur	1	35.0	25.8	Thiruvananthapuram	8	30.2	22.9
Kochi	12.8	29.2	23.0	Tiruchi	–	33.5	26.5
Kohima	–	26.4	17.0	Vijayawada	3	29.6	25.0
Kolkata	8	33.5	26.7	Visakhapatnam	–	27.4	26.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	19	19	39	27	48	
Bengaluru	8	21	21	76	99	
Chennai	13	32	42	41	36	
Delhi	18	64	102	79	136	
Hyderabad	3	3	136	31	35	
Kolkata	9	28	27	26	48	
Lucknow	8	52	53	66	84	
Mumbai	–	13	96	33	60	
Pune	–	–	–	–	–	
Visakhapatnam	16	38	21	34	46	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Kochi, Kerala recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 163 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Gummidipoondi, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 11.

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Bharat Gaurav train to be launched by Aug.-end

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Bharat Gaurav train connecting important pilgrimage centres in the north with Karnataka will be launched by the end of August, Muzrai Minister Shashikala Jolle said on Monday.

"Approval has been given for the launch of the Bharath Gaurav train and Karnataka will be the first State in the country to launch the train. We will launch it by the end of *shravana masa*," the Minister said here after inspecting the train and holding discussions with railway officials at Sir M. Visvesvaraya Railway Terminal at Baiyappanahalli.

In a journey of over seven days, the train will cover Varanasi, Ayodhya and Prayagraj travelling a distance of 4,161 km. It will have 14 bogies, of which 11 will have AC 3 tier facility and one will be converted as a 'temple' to hold bhajans. The train will also be used to brand 11 top temples of the State with 11 bogies displaying details of the temples.

The State government has tied up with IRCTC for logistics and other facilities, including food, water and local transport. While the cost of the seven-day trip is estimated to be ₹15,000 per person, the State government will reimburse ₹5,000.

Minister C.C. Patil unhappy with national highway work

He inspects road-widening between Hassan and Maranahalli

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
DONIGAL (HASSAN DISTRICT)

Expressing disappointment over the way the four-lane work between Hassan and Maranahalli of National Highway 75 was being executed, Minister for Public Works C.C. Patil has said he will bring the issue to the notice of Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari.

Minister for Public Works C.C. Patil inspecting the highway at Shiradi Ghat on Monday. • PRAKASH HASSAN

Mr. Patil spoke to pressmen after inspecting the road work from Hassan to Donigal along with senior officers of the department on Monday.

The road-widening work was taken up in 2017 at an estimated cost of ₹574 crore. As the contractor declared insolvency, the National Highway Authority of India entrusted the work to the sub-contractor in 2020.

"No doubt the execution of the work has been delayed. Besides, the way the work has been done at many places is of poor standards. From Bengaluru to Hassan, the highway is good. The road from Hassan to Maranahalli should also be of the same standard. I got down my vehicle along the road and pointed out such places. I have told the officers that the contractor has to rectify them," he said.

Quality assessment

On the delay in executing the work, the Minister said there were some technical issues. The previous contractor could not execute the work. "The present contractor has time till December 2023. But, he has said he will complete the work by March 2024".

The Minister said he had instructed the officers to depute an official to assess the quality of the roadwork. The officer should be available for the local people, who could complain to him about any sub-standard work they noticed. Reacting to allegations that the contractor had been misusing the sand extraction points allotted to him exclusively for the roadwork, Mr. Patil said he would speak to the Department of Mines and Geology.

Kumaraswamy tests positive for COVID-19

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Former Chief Minister and Janata Dal Secular leader H. D. Kumaraswamy has tested positive for COVID-19.

A release from his office said that the test was conducted after he complained of body ache and mild fever and the test result came positive.

The former Chief Minister said that he would be under quarantine for the next 10 days and appealed to party workers to co-operate. "Doctors have suggested home isolation and I will take rest. I appeal to those who have come in my contact during the last three to four days to get tested," he tweeted on Monday night.

Incidentally, he was also present at the residence of his father and former Prime Minister H. D. Deve Gowda when the NDA Presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu visited the veteran leader on Sunday.

E-Tender Notice

Sports Authority of India, NSSC, Bangalore invites e-tender for following works: -

1. SAI/NSSC/ENGG/NIT-2/2022-23 for Protective Measure Work from Ingress of Water near CoE Kitchen & Dining Hall and Renovation of Staircase area at Ground Floor with Ramp & Washrooms of CoE Dining Hall at SAI, NSSC, Bangalore.

For more details please visit E-Tender website
http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app,
https://sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in &
http://www.saisouth-bangalore.com.

The Last date of Submission of E-Tender is **19.07.2022 up to 16.00 hrs.**

Sd/- Regional Director I/C

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri INFANT RAJ .M, S/o Sri. Mathalai Muthu has entered into an agreement of sale dated 09-07-2022 to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration with its owner Sri. S. HARISHA, S/o Sri. K. Sanjeeva, Residing at No. 246B, 1st Block, 8th Cross, Vishwapriya Nagar, Near Govt. High School, Begur, Bangalaru – 68.

If any persons, financial institutions, Banks etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Northern Portion of Residential Site No. 246 in Block 1, Old V.P. Khatha No. 1026, House List No. 1184, Khatha No. 594, New BBMP Khatha No. 1219/245, formed in converted land bearing Sy.No.254/2, (vide Conversion Order No.B. DIS.ALN. SR(S)38/1995-96, dated: 29.09.1995, situated at Vishwapriya Layout, Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South 15 ft in all totally measuring 600 Sq. Ft., together with residential building constructed thereon and bounded on: East by: Site No.257, West by : Road, North by : Site No.245, South by : Remaining portion of Same Site No. 246.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
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& B. N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates,
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Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore - 68
Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832,
BANGALORE, DATE : 11-07-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. R. SUNDAR RAJ S/o. Sri. Ranganath Doreswamy, has enter in to a sale agreement dated 21-01-2022 to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration from its owner SMT. MARIYAMMA, W/o. Late Chinnappa, Residing at No. 650, Near Preethi Dam English Medium High School, Chikkakammanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore-South Taluk, Bangalore - 560068.

If any person/s, financial institutions, Banks etc., having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of your such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed further for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

The portion of land bearing Old Sy. No. 74/16, New Sy. No. 74/45 measuring to an extent of land measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 60 Feet in total 2400 Sq. Ft. (land measuring 0-02.04 Guntas) situated at Myalasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Bangalore District, bounded on :East by : Road formed in Sy. No. 74/45, West by : Remaining land in Sy. No. 74/45, North by : Remaining land in Sy. No. 74/45, South by : Property of Sandyagappa.

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.:SEE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-2/F-114/22-23/Cys-27 Date: 11.07.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL Invites E-Tenders in the prescribed form from Reputed Supplier / Manufacturer / Authorised Dealer for the following in Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere.

Bid Enquiry No.:KPTCL/SEE/TR/W&M/DVG/EE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/18/Dtd:07.07.2022 Tender for Design, Manufacture, Testing & Supply of 1000 Nos 120 KN Disc Insulators to 400KV TLM Division, Chitradurga in Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere for replacement.

Tenders will be accepted through **e-Procurement** Mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **12.07.2022 .**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.)
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL,
Near Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere.

Government Of Karnataka
Deputy Commissioner Office, Koppal
District Urban Development Cell District: Koppal
State: Karnataka Office Ph : 08539-221895 Fax No : 08539-221235 **e-mail : itstaff_dudc_koppal@yahoo.com**

Ref. No: 83179/(KOP-DC-11/57/2022-PD(DUDC)_KOPDC-KOPPAL DC) **Date: 06-07-2022**

::TENDER NOTIFICATION::
:: E-Procurement ::

The Executive Engineer, Koppal District, Koppal invites tenders from Class–I Contractors who are eligible for, Chief Ministers Amruth Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Scheme in CMC Koppal Urban Local Body limit in Koppal District of Karnataka State as per Price Schedule listed in E-Procurement Portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Brief Description: CMC Koppal Indent No: DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT133055. **Approximate value of work (Rs. In Lakhs):** 1837.70. **EMD (in Lakhs):** 18.38. **Period of Completion (Months):** 18

1.Available of Tender Forms (Through Online): **06-07-2022** 2.Date of Pre-Bid Meeting and Quaries: **14-07-2022.Evening 5:30pm.** 3.Last Date for Submission of Tender: **10-08-2022 Evening 5:30pm.** 4.Date of opening Tenders **(Technical Bid): 12-08-2022 Morning 11:00 am.**

Sd/-Executive Engineer, DUDC, Koppal District
DIPR/Koppal/213/MCA/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
New Delhi
(Department of Road Transport and Highways)

NOTIFICATION

Roc.No.30651/2020/R-2 Date : 01-07-2022

Notification under Sub-Section 3 of Section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (Act 48 of 1956)

Where as it appears to Central Government that the lands specified in the Schedule below are needed for Public purpose for the project of Strengthening the existing carriageway in Km. 11/0 – 19/0 including Geometrical improvements, Widening of Minor bridges at Km. 12/2 & Km. 18/2, Construction of Drains, Construction of Breast Wall, Widening and Reconstruction of culverts, construction of Retaining walls in Krishnagiri – Kuppam Road NH-219 (New NH-42) in the District of Krishnagiri in the State of Tamil Nadu mentioned in the Schedule Annexed.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 3(A) of National Highways Act 1956 (48 of 1956) the Central Government notified its intention to acquire the said lands vide its Notification, Published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary No.2341, Part -II, Section - 3, Sub-section (ii), vide S.O. No.2468(E), Dated : 31-05-2022 at pages 1 to 5 respectively.

Any person interested in the said lands, may, submit objections if any, to the Competent Authority for Land Acquisition, namely the District Revenue Officer, Krishnagiri within Twenty One (21) days from the date of publication of this Notification under Section 3(C)(1) of the above Act.

Every objection shall be made to the Competent Authority in writing, and shall set out the grounds for objection. The objector will be given an opportunity of being heard, either in person, or through a Legal Practitioner. After hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by an order, either to allow or to disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under Sub-Section (2) of Section 3(C) of the said Act shall be final.

Any person interested in the said lands can inspect the plan of the area covered by this notification in the Office of the Competent Authority for Land Acquisition namely, the District Revenue Officer, Krishnagiri.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired with or without structure falling within the stretch of land for Strengthening the existing carriageway in Km. 11/0 – 19/0 including Geometrical improvements, Widening of Minor bridges at Km. 12/2 & Km. 18/2, Construction of Drains, Construction of Breast Wall, Widening and Reconstruction of culverts, construction of Retaining walls in Krishnagiri – Kuppam Road NH-219 (New NH-42) in the District of Krishnagiri in the State of Tamil Nadu.

State : TAMILNADU
District : KRISHNAGIRI **Taluk : KRISHNAGIRI**

Sl. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hect-ares	Area in Square meters
Village : CHINNAMATTARAPALLI					
1	11/1A	Private	Dry	0.00.45	45
2	20/1	Private	Dry	0.01.00	100
3	20/2	Private	Dry	0.00.55	55
4	21/1	Private	Dry	0.00.35	35
5	21/2B	Private	Dry	0.00.48	48
6	22/1	Private	Dry	0.06.56	656
7	22/2	Private	Dry	0.01.85	185
8	22/3	Private	Dry	0.00.03	3
9	268	Govt.	Pappinaikan Eri Kodi (Poramboke)	0.00.11	11
10	272/1	Private	Dry	0.02.95	295
11	272/2	Private	Dry	0.00.85	85
12	272/5	Private	Dry	0.06.15	615
13	272/6A	Private	Dry	0.01.78	178
14	272/6B	Private	Dry	0.01.57	157
15	272/8	Private	Dry	0.00.54	54
16	273/1	Private	Dry	0.00.08	8
17	273/8	Private	Dry	0.03.00	300
18	275/3	Private	Dry	0.01.43	143
19	275/4	Private	Dry	0.00.50	50
20	3/1	Govt.	Pappinaikan Eri Kodi (Poramboke)	0.04.74	474
21	51/1	Private	Dry	0.02.00	200
22	51/2	Private	Dry	0.00.06	6
23	52/2	Private	Dry	0.00.03	3
24	52/3B1	Private	Dry	0.00.40	40
25	53/1	Private	Dry	0.00.03	3
26	8/1	Private	Dry	0.00.68	68
27	8/2	Private	Dry	0.02.94	294
28	8/3A	Private	Dry	0.05.53	553
29	8/3B1	Private	Dry	0.04.88	488
30	8/3B2	Private	Dry	0.00.24	24
			TOTAL	0.51.76	5176

Competent Authority for Land Acquisition / District Revenue Officer, Krishnagiri.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Chief Engineer (Lakes), 3rd Floor, Annex-2, Head Office Premises, N.R. Sqaure, Bangalore - 560 002

PUBLIC NOTICE

No. :CE/LAKES/PR/227/2022-23 Date: 11.07.2022

BBMP is inviting interested parties, Local Associations and Publics around the lake for suggestions on the preparation of detailed project report for comprehensive development and rehabilitation of lakes under Chief Minister Amrutha Nagarothana Yojana Program on 13/07/2022 from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. The program will be held on the 1st floor of BBMP, IPP Building, Near Chowdaiah Memorial Hall, 16th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru- 560003. Additionally suggestions can be forwarded to the following email ID : cebbmplakes@gmail.com on 14/07/2022 before 5.00 pm.

Sl. No.	Zone	Assembly Constituency	Name of Lake	Time of Accepting suggestions on 13.07.2022
1	Yelahanka	Yelahanka	Venkateshpura Lake	10:00 am to 11:30 am
		Byatarayanapura	Singapura Lake	
		Byatarayanapura	Shivanahalli Lake	
2	Dasarahalli	Dasarahalli	Lakshmipura Lake	11:30 am to 12:30 pm
			Karihobanahalli (Narasappanahalli Kere) Lake	
3	RR Nagar	Yeshwanthapura	Dubasipalya Lake	12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
		Yeshwanthapura	Gandhinagara Hosa Kere Lake	
		Yeshwanthapura	Lingaderanahalli-13 Lake	
4	Bommanahalli	Bangalore South	Swaranakunte Gudde Kere Lake	2:30 pm to 3:00 pm
		Bommanahalli	Garveybhavipalya Lake	
5	East	Sarvagnanagar	Kecharakanahalli Lake	3:30 pm to 3:45 pm
6	Mahadevapura	Mahadevapura	Gunjuru Karmelaram Lake	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm
		Mahadevapura	Gunjuru Mavinakere Lake	
		K R Pura	B Narayapura Lake	

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Lakes)

Far apart

China seems to want to test India's resolve to sustain its forward deployments

The July 7 meeting between External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi, on the sidelines of the G20 Foreign Ministers' meet in Bali, served as a reminder of the curious state of affairs in India's relations with China. That the two Ministers had their second meeting in four months – Mr. Wang was in New Delhi in March – indicates both sides see value in continued engagement and remain dissatisfied with the current low level of relations. The problem, however, is that the commonalities appear to end there. Mr. Jaishankar reiterated India's stand, conveyed to China on numerous occasions since the start of the LAC tensions in 2020, that normalcy would not be possible without a resolution of the boundary crisis and full disengagement from all friction areas. The MEA said the External Affairs Minister called for an early resolution of all outstanding issues, and reiterated the need to sustain the momentum to complete disengagement from all the remaining areas.

It is, however, clear that Beijing does not appear to share that view. On the contrary, recent actions suggest Beijing has no desire to resolve the row immediately, which India reasonably sees as a prerequisite for restoring normalcy in relations. Indeed, the official Chinese readout of the Bali talks failed to make a single mention of the LAC crisis, suggesting it is not a priority for Beijing. Instead, it emphasised Beijing's current interest in engaging with India on multilateral groupings such as BRICS and the SCO, which China and Russia see as valuable platforms to counter the West, and to promote, as Mr. Wang put it, "a fairer international order". The Chinese military, meanwhile, has dragged its feet in responding with dates for the 16th round of military talks, marking the longest pause since the talks began. At the last round, that was held as long as four months ago on March 11, both sides failed to achieve a breakthrough to disengage at Patrolling Point 15 in Hot Springs. Depsang and Demchok also remain unresolved. There is little expectation in New Delhi for an imminent breakthrough, particularly with domestic politics in China on edge before the Party Congress this fall when Xi Jinping will begin a third term and the military leadership will also see sweeping changes. The Chinese Foreign Minister, in Bali, said both countries "should push for the early return of bilateral relations to the right track". That aspiration, however, contrasts sharply with Beijing's continued unwillingness to restore the status quo of April 2020. The apparent goal appears to be aimed at testing India's resolve to sustain its forward deployments and to force New Delhi to accept a new normal at the LAC. Until that changes, the stalemate along the borders, and in the relationship, is likely to endure.

Safety in the sky

The DGCA should have no tolerance for laxity among airlines seeking to cut corners

Bird hits, cracked windshields, component failures, engine compressor surges and blade failures, flight deck indicator and system-related warnings, flight diversions, mid-air engine shutdowns, pressurisation problems, and a case of severe turbulence in the monsoon – these aviation-related occurrences in Indian skies in recent months, reaching a crest over the last 30 days, with most of them affecting one airline, have raised concerns about air passenger safety. In its 'show cause notice' issued recently to SpiceJet, the carrier in focus, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has highlighted some of the reported events. In its tersely worded observations on the low-cost airline's operations – a fleet of narrowbody jets and turboprops – the aviation regulator has pointed to a 'degradation of safety margins', and touched on 'poor internal oversight' and 'inadequate maintenance actions'. Further, the DGCA has added, a financial assessment (September 2021) could point to a shortage of spares and, therefore, the 'invocation' of flying with a minimum equipment list. In its initial response, the airline management has put forward a defence of being an IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) air carrier. And, second, given the scale of flight operations in India – according to Ministry of Civil Aviation data, there were 5,268 aircraft movements in the domestic sector, on July 10 – such incidents are not an aberration. It has even cited an average of 30 such episodes a day, which some official sources have backed, though feebly.

The metric is problematic – even aviation experts concur on this. There is no comparison with a global standard, or even a category breakup. Even worse, and dangerous, is not having the acknowledged root causes addressed. In the DGCA's Annual Safety Review 2020, edition V, for example, under 'Deficient maintenance' (the objective is to improve the maintenance of Indian registered aircraft), for a target of 2.16 for incidents involving component/system failure per 10,000 flight hours, the achieved performance is 2.39. Similarly, under the number of maintenance errors per 10,000 flight hours, for a target of 1.43, the performance is 1.46. Repeated snags are a red flag, pointing to faults in the safety oversight system. In an ideal ecosystem, issues with safety would be analysed in terms of the rate of occurrence using tiered categorisation, with the goal of reduction to the minimum level. Troublesome too is how an airline continues its operations despite a 'show-cause notice' and during the monsoon. With passenger numbers climbing back to pre-COVID-19 levels, the entry of new airlines, the existing players indicating aggressive fleet expansion plans, and an international safety audit that is happening once too often for India, the regulator needs to be nimble and more vigilant. The industry watchword – safety – cannot be glossed over.

The new 'normal' of political splits and shifts

Parties are more closely aligned with the state; the party bond exists only as long as it ensures a legislator's success

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Political parties sometimes break up like marriages, and like remarriages, individual legislators switch parties. In both cases, the consequences can be severe. When individual legislators or a group decide to leave a party, form another party, or join another party, it could have repercussions in terms of government formation, maintenance, and termination. In Maharashtra, recently, and in Madhya Pradesh, a while ago, splits in the ruling party and a subsequent realignment of legislators inaugurated new governments.

Distinct waves

Splits and switches are commonplace in legislatures across the globe, and India has witnessed at least three distinct waves. The first wave occurred towards the latter half of the 1960s when challengers to the Congress attempted to displace it in the States. There was literally great shoving and pushing and a quick turnover of governments due to the free movement of legislators across political parties.

The next phase was inaugurated with an attempt to end the free movement and regulate the behaviour of legislators through the anti-defection law. While the law discouraged individual movement, it incentivised a collective movement of legislators since it laid down specific numbers to legitimise and validate party switches. When legislators switch in groups, the costs are shared, and the move also appears less opportunistic, which in many ways defeats the purpose of the legislation. Though the law has placed hurdles before splits and switches, the activity has continued. To make matters worse, the implications of the law now influence the strategies of legislators and parties.

The third phase was inaugurated in 2014 with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on the ascendance when already-dominant parties began to use splits and switches to weaken and destroy their competitors. Aided by friendly Governors, the BJP, like the Congress did earlier, benefited from a string of governmental changes, including Arunachal Pradesh (2016), Bihar (2017), Karnataka (2019), Madhya Pradesh (2020), and Maharashtra (2022), which were brought about by legislators switching sides. In Puducherry (2021), switches led to fresh elections, bringing a BJP alliance to power. In Goa (2022) and Manipur (2017), though the Congress was returned as the single-largest party, it was outmanoeuvred by the BJP soon after. It was only in Uttarakhand that a Supreme Court of India intervention saved the Congress government.

A regional example

It is not the BJP alone, as around the same time, ruling parties had a field day in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. In Telangana (2014), the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) decimated the Congress and the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) by encouraging shifts. In 2018, the Congress again crumbled under pressure. Likewise, in Andhra Pradesh, first, the TDP did the same to the Yuvajana Shramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP) after 2014, and subsequently, when the YSRCP came to power in 2019, it paid the TDP back in the same coin. In all these cases, the ruling party already had a comfortable majority of its own and did not necessarily need additional support.

Therefore, the current phase is bizarre when compared to the past because dominant parties appear to be actively cheering splits and shifts and having no respect for the basic rules of the game. The anti-defection law and control of institutions are now weaponised by dominant parties to intervene in the internal working of Opposition parties, and sometimes make and break them. Furthermore, legislators are switching support even if it does not count to the making or maintenance of governments.

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A perspective

So what do we make of the splits and switches? Much of our discussion is dominated by the morality of splits and switches, and this revolves around the damage it causes to the foundations of representative democracy. And these are undoubtedly reasonable arguments. First, switchers violate the trust relationship with their constituents as voters get something other than what they bargained for. Second, assuming voters vote for parties and not candidates, the argument is that uncohesive parties make it difficult for voters to draw definitive lines of responsibility. Consequently, it is difficult for voters to hold party governments accountable for their actions during elections.

Despite sound arguments about the despicable nature of splits and switches, they continue to happen routinely. The question then arises: Why do legislators split from and switch parties without fearing the negative connotations? We cannot answer this question as long as our perspective of political parties is dated.

While we keep track of party system change, we ignore the point that the component parts, parties which make up the system, too change and transform. Our conceptualisation of parties is static and is drawn from an era long gone by. Parties constantly adapt new modes to sustain and find success for themselves.

Our popular image of a party is that of the classical mass party, which rises from societal movements and is essentially internally democratic. They are linked to mass organisations and groups that share a common goal encompassing different dimensions of societal life. The leadership comes from the organisation, is accountable to it and is committed to the goal. Our normative posturing comes from this ideal type. This is what even the Election Commission of India imagines a party should be since many of its guidelines lay stress on the 'democratic spirit' and the need for transparency and participation in internal decision-making.

However, in reality, parties are anything but this. While they mobilise and compete around identity and group solidarity issues such as mass parties, the internal democracy element is missing, and their links with society and mass organisations are at best tenuous. Today's parties are centralised vote-getting machines which primarily work to ensure the return of political leaders to office. Mass inputs and ideas do not matter, and it is the central leadership that counts. All party activities begin and end with elections.

In this model, it is not surprising that paid professionals occupy a central place. They pick strategies, run campaigns and are sometimes involved in ticket distribution. New forms of communication and campaign methods have displaced traditional campaign modes. Consequently, the vast pool of voluntary unpaid labour which traditionally formed the backbone of parties and linked parties with the grass roots are no longer as closely involved as they were in the past.

Leaders are "elected unanimously" and party conferences are choreographed events where ordinary members meet and greet leaders. These events are used to enhance the profile of the leadership elite and are indeed not a forum for intra-party debate and discussion. Since parties are mainly concerned with electoral success, anyone who enjoys the confidence of the top leadership and can help increase the seat share is likely to get a ticket. Moreover, we now know that parties prefer candidates who bring in their own money, fund other candidates and raise resources for the party. All this puts the party on the ground in the shade.

New alignment

Finally, the most significant change is that parties are more closely aligned with the state rather than civil society. Parties exchange material and psychological rewards, and goods and services the state provides for electoral advantage. Voters also see parties as a supplier of services. This connection pushes legislators and parties to be in government or at least close to the government. This was one of the most common reasons for Members of Legislative Assemblies who switched parties in the two Telugu-speaking States. As a corollary to this shift, the party has become a shadow of what it once was and has been reduced to an instrument to defend policies and programmes of the government.

On the supply side, the party on the ground no longer calls the shots; parties are election vehicles and a supplier of services. The party bond exists only as long as it ensures success for the legislator. On the demand side, the voter does not appear to have any problem, whether it is 'A' or 'B', as long as "services" are available. Consequently, splits and switches are not seen as objectionable by legislators and are not punished by voters as well. Legislators will, therefore, be willing to do anything if the benefits exceed the costs.

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The scam faultline is damaging Indian banking

More steps to prevent frauds are needed which include tightening the internal and external audit systems of banks

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The biggest banking scam in India has come to the forefront in the midst of celebrations of 'Aazadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'; in this case, Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL) has hoodwinked a consortium of banks driven by the Union Bank of India to the tune of ₹35,000 crore through financial misrepresentation. The DHFL case was not an isolated case. In February this year, ABG Shipyard Limited of Surat had already taken a loan of about ₹23,000 crore in a fake manner.

Taking a hit

On February 1, 2019, a consortium of banks had held a meeting to take cognisance of the serious allegations of loan repayment default against the DHFL. Subsequently, a core committee of seven of the largest banks – the State Bank of India (SBI), the Bank of Baroda (BoB), the Bank of India, Canara Bank, the Central Bank of India, Syndicate Bank and the Union Bank of India (UBI) – was formed. KPMG (a 'global network of professional firms providing audit, tax and advisory services') was roped in as the evaluator to lead a unique survey review of the DHFL for the period April 1, 2015-March 31, 2019.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), in its first information report, has shown that the State Bank of India was the most badly hit with a non-performing asset (NPA) base of ₹9,898 crore the very sum the DHFL acquired from it. Essentially, the Bank of India and Canara Bank have been plundered to the tune of more than ₹4,000 crore each by the DHFL. Also, more than ₹3,000 crore each has been supposedly cleaned up by the DHFL from the Union Bank of India and the Punjab National Bank.

The banking system of any country is the backbone of its economy. Excessive losses to banks affect every person in the country because the amounts deposited in banks belong to the citizens of the country. The NPAs that banks incur are mainly due to bad loans and scams.

Data by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) show that around 34% of scams in the banking industry are on account of inside work and due to poor lending practices by and the involvement of the junior and mid-level management. The data by the RBI also show that one of the fundamental problems in the way of the development of banking in India is on account of rising bank scams and the costs consequently forced on the framework. Strangely, as in a Global Banking Fraud survey (KPMG), the issue is not just for India alone; it is a worldwide issue.

An NPA projection, a list

In a Financial Stability Report released by the RBI in December 2021, there is a projection of the gross NPAs of banks rising from 6.9% in September 2021 to 8.1% of total assets by September 2022 (under a baseline scenario) and to 9.5% under a severe stress scenario. Frauds in the banking industry can be grouped under four classifications: 'Management', 'Outsider', 'Insider' and 'Insider and Outsider' (jointly). All scams, whether interior or outside, are results of operational failures. Research by Deloitte has shown that limited asset monitoring after disbursement (38%) was the foremost reason behind stressed assets and insufficient due diligence before disbursement (21%) was among the major factors for these NPAs.

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There are news reports every few weeks of some fresh/new bank scam or the other which is breaking the trust of the common man in the banking system. There are many examples of bank scams: the Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi scam involving the Punjab National Bank (₹11,400 crore), the case of businessman Vijay Mallya (₹9,000 crore) involving nearly 13 banks, the Andhra Bank fraud (₹8,100 crore), the PMC scam (₹4,355 crore), the Rotomac Pen scam (₹3,695 crore), the Videocon case (₹3,250 crore), the Allahabad Bank fraud (₹1,775 crore), the Syndicate Bank scam (₹1,000 crore), the Bank of Maharashtra scam (₹836 crore), the Kanishk Gold Bank fraud (₹824 crore), the IDBI Bank fraud (₹600 crore), and the R.P. Info Systems Bank scam (₹515 crore) to name just a few.

A high NPA also reduces the net interest margin of banks besides increasing their operating cost; these banks meet this cost by increasing the convenience fee from their small customers on a day-to-day basis.

According to the RBI data, corporate loans account for nearly 70% of these bad loans, while retail loans, which include car loans, home loans and personal loans, account for only 4%. A study by the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore has shown that poor bank corporate governance is the cause behind rising bank scams and NPAs.

Steps that need consideration

Over time, bad loans lead to higher NPAs. So, banks have to exercise due diligence and caution while offering funds. The regulation and the control of chartered accountants is a very important step to reduce non-performing assets of banks. Banks should be cautious while lending to Indian companies that have taken huge loans abroad. There is also an urgent need to tighten the internal and external audit systems of banks.

The fast rotation of employees of a bank's loan department is very important. Public sector banks should set up an internal rating agency for rigorous evaluation of large projects before sanctioning loans. Further, there is a need to implement an effective Management Information System (MIS) to monitor early warning signals about business projects. The CIBIL score of the borrower (formerly the Credit Information Bureau (India) Limited) should be evaluated by the bank concerned and RBI officials. This must also include the classification and responsibilities of the lending and recovery departments.

Financial fraud can be reduced to a great extent by the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to monitor financial transactions. However, the adoption of digitisation beyond a point may have limits as AI provides quantitative information but does not take into account the qualitative aspects.

While the Government of India and the RBI have taken several measures to try and resolve the issue of scams in the banking industry, the fact is that there is still a long way to go. Rather than having to continuously write off the bad loans of large corporates, India has to improve its loan recovery processes and establish an early warning system in the post-disbursement phase. Banks need to carry out fraud risk assessments every quarter.

Only establishment of National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. (NARCL) or the 'bad bank' is not a real solution. These measures can help only after a loan is bad but not the process of a loan going bad.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The Sri Lanka crisis

It is apt to see the ongoing upheaval in Sri Lanka as an out-of-an-unprecedented economic disruption that has been caused by factors that are internal, external and global. The island-nation has gone through situations, may be not as severe, in earlier times as well. But then for a while, it had outsourced policy to the Chinese and blinkered its institutions. Robustness of systems and institutions and the acumen in policy formulations, must rank high for foundational stability. In China, both were uni-linear. While it helped push economic prowess, its policy rigidity stymied the nation to leave it nonplussed in a pandemic. The United States has been prone to frequent policy miscalculations but its institutions are bestowed with an ability to recoup. Back home, even acceptable policies lack transmission as institutions are short on onus. It is the strength of institutions that we install that sustains nations in adversity and must take precedence, without which leaders and policies trail the curve.

R. NARAYANAN,
Navi Mumbai

■ The days ahead are very critical for Sri Lanka. The country faces a catch-22 situation: fresh elections cannot be afforded; nor can it be without leadership. The next leader or form of leadership or the Speaker has his or her hands full in shaping things, in a way that is acceptable to the people and global institutions. India has to watch the situation carefully.

BALASUBRAMANIAM PAVANI,
Secunderabad

■ The developments in Sri Lanka indicate the intensity of the wrath of the people. The ignominious exit of the Rajapaksa family also reflects the poor state of governance in the nation. In fact, the developments in Sri Lanka would surely stand out as a classic cautionary note of perform or perish to other nations ridden with similar distress in their economies. They must understand the importance of delivering responsive governance to the people.

G. RAMASUBRAMANYAM,
Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

Djokovic prevails

Novak Djokovic winning his seventh Wimbledon title is testimony to his fitness and hunger to excel ('Sport' page, July 11). The year may have started on a sour note for him with the fiasco at the Australian Open, but Djokovic has proved that he has moved on and has loftier goals in mind. Tennis fans may have been disappointed that Rafael Nadal had to withdraw. Let us celebrate tennis irrespective of our loyalties.

SUBASH BALAKRISHNAN,
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

Why the world needs peace in Ukraine

The world cannot afford the continuation of this war, and India is in a unique position to help

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As the war in Ukraine rages on, an end to the destruction and suffering seems increasingly elusive, as neither side seems prepared to yield – not least because both seem to believe they can "win". For Russia, its revised strategic objectives appear to include the capture of the rich industrial, manufacturing and agricultural area known as the Donbas in eastern Ukraine, extending its reach southwards to create a land link to Crimea, which it has already held since 2014. Some analysts think Russia intends to go further, capturing the entire southern Ukrainian coast, including the major port of Odessa and linking that territory to the Russian separatist republic of Transnistria in eastern Moldova.

As for the Ukrainians, they seem to be prepared for nothing short of expelling the Russians from all of Ukrainian territory, including, in some tellings, even Crimea.

There are no serious peace efforts underway at the moment. The Israelis and Turks seem to have given up their efforts, and the visit of the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, helped improve humanitarian relief but did not deal with a military truce. India is well placed to try, enjoying as it does the trust of both sides, but our government seems to be hobbled by a curious reticence to address the issue – perhaps because it is deeply pessimistic about the chances of peace.

'War against Russia'

But if someone were somehow to persuade both sides to come to the negotiating table, what would a possible peace look like? Between the maximalist positions of both sides, one possible formula was offered, somewhat controversially, by the veteran statesman Henry Kissinger at Davos last month. He suggested that it was impossible for Ukraine and the West to expel the Russians fully, and equally impossible for Russians to achieve what they are attempting to do currently, given the extent of NATO countries' military and financial support to Kyiv. Instead, 99-year-old Mr. Kissinger argued that a compromise should be to return the dividing line between Russia and Ukraine to the *status quo ante bellum* – the positions of the two forces before Russia's invasion began on February 24. For Ukraine and its supporters in the West, that would be a victory, Mr. Kissinger argued, whereas pursuing the war to expel Russians even from the Ukrainian territory they held before February "could turn it into a war not about the freedom of Ukraine but into a war against Russia itself."

Questioned by *The Spectator* recently, Mr. Kissinger explained, "If the war ends as I sketched at Davos, I think it will be a substantial achievement for the allies. NATO will have been strengthened by the addition of Finland and Sweden, creating the possibility of defence of the Baltic countries. Ukraine will have the largest conventional ground force in Europe linked to NATO... Russia will have been shown that the fear that has hung over Europe since World War II, of a Russian army descending... can be prevented by the NATO conventional action. For the first time in recent history, Russia would have to face a need for coexistence with Europe as an entity, rather than America being the chief element in defending Europe with its nuclear forces."

There is one flaw in Mr. Kissinger's analysis, though – and that is that there is no real reason why Russia should accept such a formula. After its initial failure to capture Kyiv, its severe loss of military personnel (including seven generals) and refocus on narrower targets, Russia has made significant progress, capturing every major town in the Donbas and the key southern port city of Mariupol. Given the hefty price it has paid for its invasion so far, it makes no sense for Russia to agree to a peace that obliges it to surrender every one of these gains. The only way that Russia could be persuaded to do so is if the price of the world's opprobrium and international sanctions become unbearable, but there is no sign of that being the case, at least not yet.

The pandemic effect

Meanwhile, the collateral damage of the war is being borne by the rest of the world. We are all reeling under the "double whammy" of the economic consequences of COVID-19, especially the associated lockdowns and disruptions of supply chains. Even the massive stimulus packages post the COVID-19 pandemic have, as Martin Wolf wrote in the *Financial Times*, "ignited an inflationary fire" across the world. Meanwhile, the punitive Western sanctions on Russia have led to a major increase in energy prices, hurting countries like India that have nothing to do with the conflict. The war has taken two-thirds of the world's wheat exports off the markets, sending food prices soaring. India used to import 75% of its sunflower seeds and oil from Ukraine; that is now down to zero. Commodity prices are shooting up everywhere, and inflation shows no sign of slowing down.

And then there is the persistence of the pandemic itself, as various forms of the Omicron virus have kept popping up around the world, causing so far only minor alarms but always carrying the potential of a new healthcare crisis. China, with its zero-COVID policy, reacted to the reappearance of COVID (in the form of Omicron) with comprehensive lockdowns, including in the major commercial capital of Shanghai. With China still the world's principal manufacturing engine, shutting down factories and plants in that country has seriously disrupted the flow of essential supplies, again contributing to global inflation. The crisis next door in Sri Lanka, as the country simply found itself unable to pay its bills, is merely the most extreme manifestation of a problem that, in one form or the other, stares much of the developing world in the face.

Continuing the war is to make a mockery of human suffering. It will destroy world trade, ravage poor countries, and set global economic growth back by years. The World Trade Organization (WTO)'s Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said, "The war in Ukraine has created immense human suffering, but it has also damaged the global economy at a critical juncture. Its impact will be felt around the world, particularly in low-income countries, where food accounts for a large fraction of household spending... Smaller supplies and higher prices for food mean that the world's poor could be forced to do without."

The Russians and Ukrainians may not be interested in peace, but the rest of the world surely is. We cannot afford the indefinite continuation of this war. Western countries may take longer to realise this – no doubt the prospect of a freezing winter without Russian oil and gas might help concentrate European minds on this realisation – but the developing world already knows that the situation is unbearable, and if the war continues, further disaster looms. Someone must take the initiative and call for peace. If no one else is willing, I hope that call will come from the land of Mahatma Gandhi – before it is too late for all of us.

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Comprehending public health

With planned investments in health and education, Tamil Nadu has become a national leader in disease prevention

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The recently articulated vision of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, for decentralised district level health management, is timely in the post-pandemic era. Tamil Nadu is ahead of most other States in socio-economic development, thanks to the high priority given to health and education, by successive governments.

During the British Raj, doctors were mandated to report every case of 24 "notified communicable diseases" to health officers, enabling the Public Health Department to detect, count and counter specific diseases, control outbreaks and document all data. During major epidemics, public health assumed extraordinary powers through the 1897 Epidemic Diseases Control Act, recently invoked in 2020 to face the COVID-19 pandemic.

Independent India assigned public health to the Ministry of Health, and disease surveillance fell by the wayside. India became notorious for not collecting or verifying data on diseases or causes of death. For want of functional public health infrastructure, the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) acted after the disaster struck; public health would have forecast the emergency and intervened pro-actively.

Health must be managed like an asset. What is health? The best definition has two parts – subjective: physical, mental and social well-being, and objective: absence of disease, validated with evidence. Many people conflate public sector healthcare with public health, two systems for the common goal of keeping citizens healthy and improving health indicators. Public health has disease prevention through interventions targeted at social and environmental disease determinants, as its primary purpose.

Functional epidemiology

Epidemiology is the foundation science of public health. Disease surveillance and epidemiology are two sides of the same coin; the former provides real-time information for action and the latter analyses data and facilitates planning. During the COVID-19 pandemic, lack of functional epidemiology led to inadequate forward planning. India has good epidemiologists, but they use their expertise predominantly for research and teaching – it is high time they used this discipline for managing public health.

Among British India's presidencies, Madras alone retained the legacy of the Public Health Act – the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine (DPHPM) continues since 1930 – unique among Indian States.

After State reorganisation, Tamil Nadu assigned primary healthcare to DPHPM, secondary healthcare to the Department of Health Services and tertiary healthcare to the Department of Medical Education, each with its directorate within the Health Ministry.

After achieving population stabilisation by planned activities, Tamil Nadu is moving forward for greater investment in health and education, with assured, perpetual, high-order returns.

The 2017 National Health Policy (NHP) recognises "the emergence of a robust healthcare industry estimated to be growing at double digit". Medical professionals in private tertiary care facilities make us proud, providing world class surgical and medical interventions and attract healthcare seekers even from developed countries. Paradoxically, our citizens are forced to pay for services that are due to them as legitimate human right.

Eliminating significant diseases

Tamil Nadu was the first to eliminate smallpox, guinea worm, polio and measles mortality and the first to document Japanese encephalitis, dengue virus types I to 4, HIV and hepatitis B infections, in India. North Arcot District had a District Level Disease Surveillance model that pioneered pulse polio immunisation. Its monthly health information bulletin (called NADHI), widely appreciated globally, was undervalued nationally.

Given the wide penetration of mobile phones, the State easily revive and revise it – utilising electronic data collection and communication, up-scaled to every district in Tamil Nadu – to become a potential national leader in systematic data collection, analysis, disease prevention, outbreak control and credible recording of causes of death.

Tamil Nadu must also design a just system of universal healthcare, maximising public-private partnership. We now need to design an equitable health delivery system for everyone, with seamless referral from primary to tertiary care.

It is now for the administrative machinery to put in place a health management programme consisting of public health and universal healthcare in Tamil Nadu.

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STATE OF PLAY

Checkmating political rivals

With Assembly elections a year away, Telangana is experiencing intense political heat

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The first week of July can aptly be summed up as a week of smart political moves aimed at checkmating political rivals going by another round of one-upmanship played out by the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Hyderabad witnessed the BJP's calculated move to hold its two-day national executive with an eye to consolidate its chances in Telangana in the run-up to the Assembly elections next year. Vijay Sankalpa Sabha, the public meeting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 3 with an array of top BJP leaders was touted as the next big step towards reaping the benefits of the anti-TRS sentiment among the youth and other sections as perceived by the BJP leadership.

After a fiery war of words between the ruling TRS and the BJP preceding the meeting, everyone expected that Mr. Modi will go all out against Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao and his government. But it turned out to be an anti-climax as the Prime Minister totally ignored TRS and its leadership and focussed pointedly on the largesse doled out to Telangana by the BJP government.

For the record, a day prior to the rally, Mr. Rao upstaged the BJP by inviting Opposition Presidential candidate Yashwant Sinha to Hyderabad to canvas support. The TRS cadres turned out in large numbers to accord a rousing welcome to Mr. Sinha.

In his one-hour long address, Mr. Rao hit out at the BJP government for its failure and shot nine questions at the leadership, daring it to answer them. Simultaneously, the streets of Hyderabad witnessed a turf war with both parties vying with one another in erecting flexi boards and posters.

The two-day national executive, success of the PM's public meeting and the TRS leaders appropriating the Opposition Presidential candidate has now set the stage for another round of battle for supremacy among the TRS and the BJP. This, in turn, has thrown a challenge to the Congress, which, to date, was considered the main Opposition party.

The BJP, to take forward its success to the logical end and ride to power on what it perceives winds of change, needs to consolidate its position in each constituency.The BJP leaders should not forget the fact that those mulling the idea of floor-crossing are facing strong anti-incumbency in their respective constituencies and are worried about being denied tickets. Taking such leaders could be counterproductive too.

Simultaneously for the TRS, the success of the two-day BJP national executive and good response to the Prime Minister's public meeting should come as a wake-up call. The pink party should start serious damage control measures to minimise the impact of the BJP leaders' campaign on corruption, family rule and failure to fulfil the promises made in the manifesto.

The TRS simply cannot make light of the BJP's posturing and Congress Party's determined bid to improve its fortunes. If Mr. Rao has to make his mark in national politics, he should first retain power in the State again.

The present Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) chief A. Revanth Reddy, who completed one year in office, has been successful in revitalising the party despite a lot of obstacles created by the seniors in the party.

Cadres see in Mr. Reddy a ray of hope of performing well in the coming Assembly elections.

On Sunday, Mr. Rao challenged the Opposition parties saying that he was ready to face an early election. The Congress and the BJP responded in the same tone challenging the TRS chief to dissolve the Assembly and seek fresh elections.

While the Assembly elections are more than a year away, Telangana is already witnessing intense political heat.

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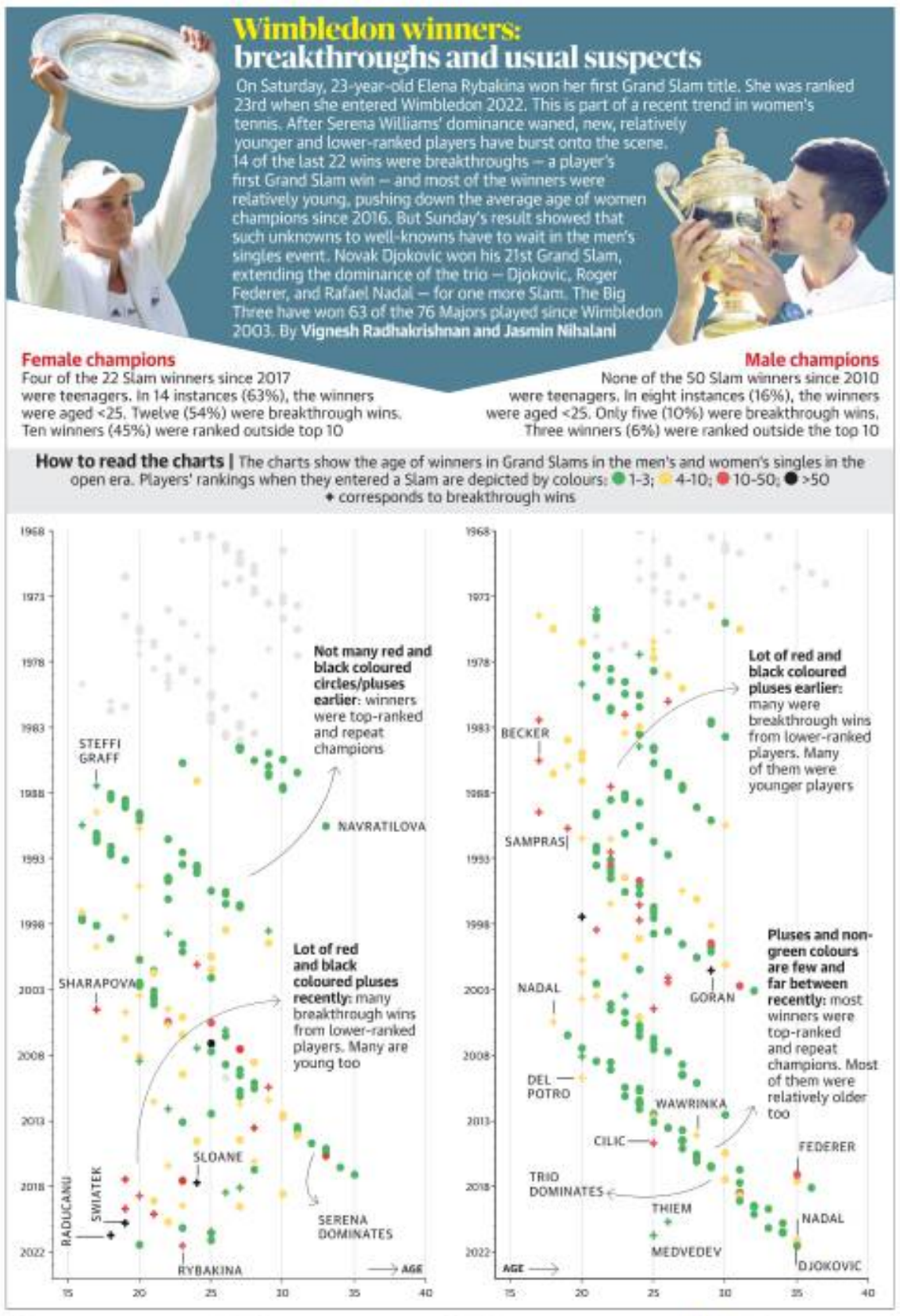

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 12, 1972

India-Bangladesh visa system

New Delhi, July 11: The Governments of India and Bangladesh have decided to introduce the passport and visa system for travel between the two countries with effect from September 1. Enquiries reveal that the initiative for this has come from the Bangladesh Government and the Indian Government has readily agreed to this proposal in view of the large-scale illegal travel between the two countries. At present, a permit system exists for travel from one country to another, but this has not proved very effective in checking unauthorised movement of persons between India and Bangladesh. The Government of India expects that the passport and visa system would only be a temporary affair and when once conditions get stabilised, this could be given up. There have also been several cases of smuggling from India of goods of vital importance into Bangladesh. More recently, it is learnt, there has been an acute shortage of commodities in Bangladesh and this has made smuggling of such goods from India a lucrative business. Though strict vigilance is kept on the border and the cases of smuggling have been on the decrease in the last few days, this is still a problem which has to be tackled. The Border Security Force has, therefore, been given strict instructions to be on their guard.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 12, 1922

Irish situation

London: According to a list published by the Irish army headquarters, 19 national soldiers were killed and ill-wounded in the recent fighting in Dublin while it is estimated that 65 civilians were killed and 261 wounded. Dublin has been quiet since the fall of the rebels' stronghold in Sackville street except for occasional night sniping in the suburbs but tranquility was broken last night by 2 ambushes of military lorries one near Stephens Green and other in Stillorgan road. The assailants were driven off but escaped. Warfare in country is wearing an increasingly guerilla character. Irregulars are evacuating their positions before they are attacked and are frequently burning buildings on the line of retreat. The condition of prisoners taken indicates the irregulars are dispirited and poorly armed and supplied. Mr. Barton and Maedongagu, both members of Dail Eireann who took part in Dublin fighting, have escaped from Portobello barracks with a number of other prisoners.

FROM PAGE ONE

Palaniswami to lead AIADMK

As Mr. Panneerselvam was also relieved of his position as treasurer, Mr. Palaniswami announced that former Minister and Dindigul (west) district secretary Dindigul C. Sreenivasan had been appointed to the post.

The party decided that the election to the post of general secretary would be held in four months. Till then, Mr. Palaniswami would function as interim general secretary. It accepted several amendments to the bylaws, most of which centred on Rule 20 and the post of general secretary.

Mr. Palaniswami, who spoke last at the council, accused Mr. Panneerselvam of "hobnobbing" with the DMK and seeking to "destroy" the AIADMK.

He criticised his former colleague for having attempted to stall the June 23 general council meeting after being one of the signatories to the notice for the meeting. Former Ministers P. Thangamani, Mr. Viswanathan, K. P. Munusamy, and Mr. Sreenivasan pulled up Mr. Panneerselvam for having let down the party. Slogans against Mr. Panneerselvam were raised. Presidium chairman Tamilmagan Hussain chaired the event.

Congress acts against Lobo and Kamat

He is a seven-time MLA from Margao who was also the Congress chief ministerial face during the Assembly election in February this year. The veteran Congressman further said that in 2022, he was the lone MLA remaining in the Congress and that he could easily have jumped ship at the time had he chosen so.

"Had I wanted, I could have gone to the BJP, but I led the party from the front," Mr. Kamat said.

Complaining about the incessant round of meetings that were held over the weekend, Mr. Lobo claimed that it was he who had told Mr. Rao that he would not like to continue as the CLP leader.

"On Saturday, we addressed the press after a CLP meeting where all MLAs [except Mr. Kamat] were present. Yet we had another round of press meets on Sunday...We have won on Congress ticket, so we are with the Congress. So, why so many press conferences and CLP meetings? What is it that is being proved by this," Mr. Lobo said, in a veiled jibe at Mr. Rao.

Set Abu Salem free after 25-year sentence: SC

The court also referred to the fact that Salem had a Red Corner Notice issued against him. It also refused to commute the life sentence awarded to Salem, saying the domestic courts of India were not bound by the treaties between Portugal and India. The Indian law followed the principle of separation of powers. Salem had argued that he should not have been punished with life sentence considering the sovereign assurance given by India to Portugal during his extradition.

"Punishment cannot be disproportionately high or low. It should not be oppressive, but should serve the purpose of deterrence against crime in society along with serving justice to the victims and their families... Looking at the gravity of the offence, there is no question of this court exercising any special power to commute his sentence," the court emphasised.

Mallya gets four-month jail term for contempt

"Needless to say, the government, including the Ministry of External Affairs and other agencies, shall carry out the directions with due diligence and utmost expediency," the court said. The court ordered the government to file a compliance report.

The court had found Mallya guilty of contempt on May 9, 2017 for wilful disobedience of its order to come clean about his assets. He had not disclosed the $40 million received from British liquor major Diageo Plc following his resignation as chairman of United Spirits Ltd. in February 2016. Mallya had disbursed the transaction amount to beneficiaries, including his immediate family members.

The court directed that Mallya deposit the fine with the Supreme Court registry in four weeks.

If not, he would be sentenced to a further imprisonment of two months. The transaction with Diageo, referred to in the May 2017 judgment, has been declared "void and inoperative". "We direct that the transaction referred to in the judgment of May 9, 2017 in terms of which the amount of $40 million was disbursed to the beneficiaries is void and inoperative," the court pronounced.

The court directed that Mallya and his beneficiaries are bound to deposit the amount received by them, along with 8% interest, with the recovery officer concerned within four weeks.

Seven Sena MPs skip party meeting

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PUNE

Amid speculation of a split within the Shiv Sena Parliamentary Party, seven of the 19 Lok Sabha members were missing at a meeting of all lawmakers called by party chief and former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray at his residence, Matoshree, on Monday.

Twelve Lok Sabha members were present along with two Rajya Sabha lawmakers Sanjay Raut and Priyanka Chaturvedi, while the other Rajya Sabha member Anil Desai, said to be a staunch supporter of the Thackeray faction, was in Delhi.

Members divided

According to sources, a rift materialised between the MPs present in the meeting, which was to discuss the Sena's stance on the July 18 Presidential election. Those absent included Shrikant Shinde, son of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde; Bhawna Gawli; Hemant Patil; Sanjay Mandlik; Sanjay Jadhav; Krupal Tumane; and Kalaben Delkar, Dadra and Nagar Haveli MP.

Launch Agnipath as a pilot project: Opposition

During a parliamentary panel meeting with Rajnath Singh, leaders demanded immediate withdrawal of the scheme

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Ahead of the monsoon session of Parliament, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday briefed the Parliamentary Consultative Committee on Defence on the Agnipath scheme at the end of which the Opposition MPs submitted a memorandum demanding its immediate withdrawal.

The memorandum was signed by Congress MPs Mallikarjun Kharge and Shaktisingh Gohil, Supriya Sule of the Nationalist Congress Party, Saugata Roy and Sudip Bandhopadyay of the Trinamool Congress and A.D. Singh of the Rashtriya Janata Dal. But the Congress's Manish Tewari, who has publicly lauded the scheme, did not sign the document. According to sources, he relayed to the others that the consultative committee should not be a used as a political platform.

Students of various Left organisations protesting against the Agnipath scheme at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on June 29. • PTI

Soon after the opening remarks by Mr. Singh and the presentation made by the Department of Military Affairs, sources said that Congress member Shaktisinh Gohil made an elaborate comment, decrying the scheme. He said that the scheme should first be launched as a pilot project.

He said that this was a political decision and not a call made by the Indian armed forces. "Who put out the first tweet? Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which clearly shows that even the Defence Minister had little involvement in the decision making process," he said as per those who attended the meeting.

Mr. Roy also backed this by saying that the government should not have tried to take the ownership of the scheme. They should have allowed the Army to take the lead.

Mr. Gohil further attacked the government, saying the Army officers addressed a press conferences only when countrywide protests erupted. Mr. Gohil also pointed out that in 2020, the Army had advertised vacancies, based on which in February 2021 many applicants had appeared for the medical and physical examination. Even as the successful candidates were waiting for a call, the Agnipath scheme was hastily announced.

Tewari's questions

Though Mr. Tewari did not sign the Opposition memorandum, according to sources, during the 90-minute meeting, he asked the Defence Minister to explain if the scheme was aimed at right-sizing the Army from its current strength of 1.4 million to a million and if that was the case, he said, the government should say that upfront.

Neither the Defence Minister nor the other officers had a clear and emphatic reply to this. They reiterated that the scheme was aimed at bringing down the age profile. There were also questions on operational readiness especially with the Agnipath recruitment scheme.

During the monsoon session of Parliament next week, the Opposition parties are expected to corner the government on this scheme.

After the unveiling of the scheme on June 14, violent protests against it were reported from several States for nearly a week and various Opposition parties had demanded its rollback.

The Indian Air Force recently said it had received nearly 7.5 lakh applications under the scheme. The registration process began on June 24.

MPs' panel oppose Mediation Bill

The Bill proposes to establish Mediation Council and give powers to court

A. M. JIGEESH
NEW DELHI

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law and Justice, headed by BJP leader Sushil Kumar Modi, has recommended substantial changes to the Mediation Bill, meant for institutionalisation of mediation and establishment of the Mediation Council of India. The panel cautioned against making pre-litigation mediation compulsory, and warned the Centre against the provision to give higher courts the power to frame rules for mediation.

Sources in the panel confirmed after a meeting here on Monday that the members deliberated upon 20 key issues in the Bill, including the "mandatory and coercive nature of pre-litigation mediation."

A member on the panel told *The Hindu* that making pre-litigation mediation mandatory may actually result in delaying of cases and may prove to be an additional tool in the hands of truant litigants to delay the disposal of cases.

Parliamentary Panel of Law and Justice Chairman Sushil Kumar Modi

"We felt that not only pre-litigation mediation should be made optional but also be introduced in a phased manner instead of introducing it with immediate effect for all civil and commercial disputes. As a starting point, the challenges faced in implementing pre-litigation mediation under the Commercial Courts Act, 2015, should be studied before mandating it across other case categories," he said.

Clause 26 of the Bill provides that court annexed mediation including pre-litigation mediation in court annexed mediation centre shall be conducted in accordance with the practice, directions or rules by whatever name called by the Supreme Court or the High Court. But the panel objected to this.

"We noted with concern that provisions of Clause 26 is against the spirit of the Constitution. In the countries which follow common law system of jurisprudence, it is healthy tradition that in the absence of any specific statutes, the judgments or decisions taken by apex courts has the same bearing as that of a statute. But the moment any law is made on the subject, that becomes the guiding force. Here, the Bill proposes a clause giving the powers to court to make rules for 'court annexed mediation', which is unconstitutional. Hence, we recommended that specific provisions should be made about court-annexed mediation in place of existing provisions of clause 26," the member added.

The members questioned the non-applicability of the provisions of the Bill to disputes/matters of non-commercial nature involving the Government and its agencies. The member said the panel will insist that the Chairperson and full time Members to have 'shown capacity' and 'knowledge and experience' in 'mediation.' According to the provisions, people dealing with problems relating to 'Alternative Dispute Resolution' can become members and chairman of the council. "We have also decided to recommend that the appointment of the Chairperson and Members of the Mediation Council of India should be made by a selection Committee constituted by the Centre," the member said.

Bring a new Act on bail, SC asks Union govt.

'No space for police state in democracy'

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

Asking the Centre to bring a new Act exclusively to simplify and streamline bail, the Supreme Court on Monday observed that investigating agencies are showing a mindset which leans more towards the draconian power of arrest rather than the protection of individual liberty. A Bench of Justices S.K. Kaul and M.M. Sundresh said jails were overflowing while conviction rates remained an abysmal low. "Jails in India are flooded with undertrial prisoners. The statistics placed before us would indicate that more than two-thirds of the inmates of the prisons constitute undertrial prisoners. Of this category of prisoners, majority may not even be required to be arrested..." Justice Sundresh observed.

Many of these undertrial prisoners are the illiterate, poor and even women. Their social circumstances compel them to "inherit a culture of offence". Added to this is the fact that investigating agencies fail to use the power of arrest sparingly. "In a democracy, there can never be an impression that it is a police state," the court said.

In a series of directions, the court asked the Centre to consider bringing a separate and comprehensive law to deal with bails, especially to make it a simple procedure. "The Government of India may consider the introduction of a separate enactment in the nature of a Bail Act so as to streamline the grant of bails," the Bench said.

The court referred to the Bail Act of the United Kingdom which had come into existence as an antidote to the humanitarian of clogged prisons. The court also asked the government to have a relook at the Code of Criminal Procedure.

No murder charge in student's death case

5 police personnel named accused

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the West Bengal Police on Monday filed a chargesheet against five police personnel in the case of death of student leader Anish Khan before a court in Howrah district. While the FIR registered on February 19 invoked Section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code, the chargesheet drops the murder charge.

The accused are a former officer in-charge of the Amta police station, one assistant sub-inspector, one home guard and two civic police volunteers. According to the chargesheet, they went to Anish Khan's residence in connection with a post the student leader had put up on the hijab row in Karnataka. He died after falling from the second floor of his house.

No hopes, says father

The SIT had arrested two of the accused and they were later released on bail. Salem Khan, father of Anish Khan, said on Monday he had no hopes on the SIT and reiterated his demand for a CBI investigation. The Calcutta High Court had on June 21 dismissed Salem Khan's petition seeking such an investigation. The court said the petitioner's apprehension that the accused police officers would be shielded by the police was devoid of merit.

Anish was found dead under mysterious circumstances after three policemen allegedly entered his house at Amta.

SC asks Maharashtra Speaker to defer disqualification process

CJI told Speaker's lawyers not to list proceedings tomorrow

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday asked Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar to defer for the time being the disqualification proceedings initiated against Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and 15 other "dissident" Shiv Sena MLAs for defection.

The Speaker had also started disqualification process against 14 Shiv Sena MLAs for voting against the whip issued by the Shinde-led faction. Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana asked lawyers representing the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Secretariat to inform the Speaker's office not to list the disqualification proceedings on July 12. The CJI said the court would take some time to list the pending petitions regarding the disqualification process as it had to constitute a Bench for it. The case was originally slated to be listed for hearing on July 11 in the top court.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, who appeared for the Governor, assured the CJI that he would personally inform the Speaker's office about the court's request.

In an oral mentioning, senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Devadatt Kamat, appearing for the Uddhav Thackeray camp, voiced their apprehension that the Speaker may take up the disqualification proceedings on July 12 and dismiss them outright before the court had a chance to hear the petitions and decide. "The case was supposed to be listed today in court. The disqualification proceedings are however listed before the Speaker tomorrow. They may just dismiss the disqualification petitions tomorrow itself while petitions are still pending in this court," Mr. Sibal submitted.

Delhi court summons Manimekalai

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Filmmaker Leena Manimekalai has now been summoned by a Delhi court in a civil suit filed against her and her company, Touring Talkies Media Pvt Ltd, over the poster of her film *Kaali* that depicts the Hindu goddess "in a very uncalled for way". The suit was filed by advocate Raj Gaurav. The filmmaker is already facing several FIRs across States. Mr. Gaurav sought an interim injunction to temporarily restrain Ms. Manimekalai and her company from posting the poster of the film, its promo video or any image related to it on social media.

SC to hear Varavara's bail plea today

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to take up as the first case on Tuesday a plea for permanent bail on medical grounds by Telugu poet and an accused in the Bhima Koregaon-Elgar Parishad case P. Varavara Rao. A Bench led by Justice U.U. Lalit could not take up the case, which was listed as item number 30 on Monday, as the judges had to sit in a different combination at 2 p.m. "We will take it up tomorrow as the first item," the court told Anand Grover, who appeared for Mr. Rao.

AI-based Mandarin translation devices for Army

Union Defence Minister unveils 75 AI-based products and technologies at defence symposium

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

Indian soldiers patrolling on the Line of Actual Control (LAC), when they come face to face with Chinese soldiers, will soon be able to understand Mandarin and reply instantly, with the help of a 600gm Artificial Intelligence (AI) based device developed by an Indian start-up and currently under advanced trials with feedback from the Army.

This was one of the 75 AI-enabled products and applications unveiled by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the 'AI in defence' symposium on Monday. "It is an offline hand-held language translation system which works based on AI. It has been tested in the forward areas and Army has given lot of assistance. Its performance will improve as more and more data comes from the field," said Anuroop Iyengar, co-founder and Managing Director of the Bengaluru-based start-up Cogknit. We are currently working make it making it smaller and wearable on the wrist and also increase its range, he said showcasing the product at the exhibition.

With the help of an AI-based device, the Indian Army will be able to understand Mandarin. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

It is bidirectional with a range of 5-10 feet and gives converts Mandarin to English. We are also working on hindi and trying to enhance the range upto 20 feet, Mr. Iyengar said. They are being supported by Kalyani Group, he said. The first demonstration was done in 2017 and since have done several demonstrations and trials.

Mr. Iyengar said, "We have requested them to place orders with start-ups quickly." The exhibition had also several other AI enabled products like robotic mine detector, intrusion detection system and integrated command fusion, remote weapon station, rail mounted robo, sensors for under water domain awareness, swarm drones among others.

U.P. CM warns of population imbalance

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GHAZIABAD

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday cautioned that population stabilisation should not lead to demographic imbalance, and described the increase in the population of a particular group as a matter of concern.

Launching a fortnight-long population stabilisation programme in Lucknow to mark World Population Day, the Chief Minister of the country's most populous State said it should not lead to a situation where "one group's rate of population growth is higher than that of the original inhabitants". That could become a "matter of concern for religious demography" and lead to "disorder and anarchy".

"So when we talk of population stabilisation, we should rise above caste, religion, region, and language," he said.

PM unveils National Emblem atop new Parliament building

The sculpture made of bronze weighs 9,500 kg and is 4.34 metres wide

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday unveiled a 6.5-metre-tall National Emblem on the roof of the under-construction Parliament building here.

The emblem, which is made of bronze, weighs 9,500 kg. A steel structure of 6,500 kg was made to support the weight of the emblem, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement.

"The concept sketch and process of casting of the National Emblem on the roof of New Parliament Building has gone through eight different stages of preparation from clay modeling/computer graphic to bronze casting and polishing," it added.

After the ceremony, Mr. Modi interacted with the workers building the new Parliament, which is scheduled to be completed by October. In a tweet, Mr. Modi said: "I had a wonderful interaction with the *Shramjeevis* who have been involved in the making of the Parliament. We are proud of their efforts and will always remember their contribution to our nation".

Imposing figure: A view of the National Emblem on top of the new Parliament building in New Delhi on Monday. • R.V. MOORTHY

The emblem was created by Sunil Deore from Aurangabad and Laxman Vyas from Jaipur and the fabrication was carried out in Aurangabad, Jaipur and Delhi, the government's consultant for the project, HCP Design, Planning and Management Ltd., told *The Hindu* last week. It had taken nine months to complete the 4.34-metre-wide sculpture, HCP said.

'Norms violated'

Reacting to the photos of the ceremony released by the government, AIMIM president and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi said in a tweet: "Constitution separates powers of Parliament, govt & judiciary. As head of govt, @PMOIndia shouldn't have unveiled the National Emblem atop new Parliament building. Speaker of Lok Sabha represents LS which isn't subordinate to govt. @PMOIndia has violated all constitutional norms".

BJP chief spokesperson and Rajya Sabha member Anil Baluni said the allegations by the Opposition were politically motivated. "Opposition parties questioning the unveiling ceremony should understand the administrative process. Right from its design to funds and constructions supervision, entire work is being done by the urban development department. Even the foundation laying was done by the Prime Minister," he said.

All eyes on Trinamool as Murmu visits West Bengal

Mamata had softened stand on NDA's Presidential nominee

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

The Presidential nominee of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), Droupadi Murmu, arrived in Kolkata on Monday evening.

Ms. Murmu is likely to meet BJP lawmakers in West Bengal. But political observers will be keenly watching how the Trinamool Congress leadership reacts to the NDA nominee.

West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool supremo Mamata Banerjee on July 1 had softened her stand on the NDA candidate, saying that if she was aware of Ms. Murmu's candidature earlier, things would have been different. "If we had got suggestions about who their [BJP's] candidate was, we could have discussed at the all-party meeting...," she said. Ms. Banerjee, who played a key role in getting the Opposition parties together in fielding Yashwant Sinha as their candidate for the Presidential election, also added that Ms. Murmu had the higher chances of winning the poll.

Droupadi Murmu

Two factors could have led the Chief Minister to make these comments.

One is the support of the tribal population in the State, which in the 2019 Lok Sabha election had supported the BJP.

The second is the fact which Ms. Banerjee admitted herself saying that "she was biased towards women". The remarks by Ms. Banerjee has even left her party members, particularly the MLAs and MPs guessing.

The State BJP has written to the Trinamool lawmakers seeking support for Ms. Murmu. However, there has been a formal response from the Trinamool to the request.

Sources in the Trinamool said that with only less than a week left for the election, the Opposition candidate, Mr. Sinha, may skip campaigning in West Bengal.

"There is a possibility of cross voting particularly by MPs and MLAs of Trinamool representing tribal areas of West Bengal. This has become clearer after the Chief Minister remarks on Murmu," political observer Biswanath Chakraborty said.

ED summons Congress chief Sonia on July 21

For deposing in *National Herald* case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate has summoned Congress president Sonia Gandhi for recording her statement on July 21 in connection with a money laundering case linked to the *National Herald* newspaper.

Sonia Gandhi

Ms. Gandhi, who was to appear on June 23, had earlier written to the ED seeking a postponement to fully recover from COVID-related issues.

The agency had issued the first summons to her for June 8. However, she tested positive for COVID-19 on June 2. She had to be hospitalised on June 12 due to infection in the respiratory tract and nasal bleeding.

"Since she has been strictly advised rest at home following her hospitalisation on account of COVID-19 and lung infection, Congress president Smt. Sonia Gandhi has written to ED today seeking the postponement of her appearance there by a few weeks till she has recovered completely," Jairam Ramesh, Congress' communication chief, had later tweeted.

The agency has already recorded the statement of former party chief Rahul Gandhi, who was summoned multiple times.

The money laundering case alleges that the assets of Associated Journals Ltd., which published the *National Herald* newspaper, were fraudulently acquired and transferred to Young Indian, in which Ms. Gandhi and her son owned 38% shares each.

It was alleged that Young Indian paid ₹50 lakh to the Congress for transferring the ₹90-crore debt to it. According to the Congress, Young Indian was a not-for-profit company under Section 25 of the Companies Act, that could neither accumulate profits nor pay dividends to its shareholders.

Zubair remanded in judicial custody

Lakhimpur police seek access to his mobile, laptop in connection with 2021 tweet

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair was on Monday remanded in judicial custody for 14 days (till July 25) in the case registered against him by the Lakhimpur Kheri police for a fact-check of a television channel report he had posted in May 2021.

A court in Lakhimpur Kheri also admitted an application by the police seeking Mr. Zubair's remand for 14 days and a bail application filed by the journalist, both of which will now be heard on July 13, advocate Harjeet Singh, who represented Mr. Zubair in Lakhimpur, said.

Mr. Zubair was on Monday produced before the Lakhimpur court virtually from the Sitapur jail. The Lakhimpur police, while seeking his custody, informed the court that they had now also "added" Sections 153B (imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration), 505(1)B (publishing or circulating statements, rumours, or reports with intent to cause, or which is likely to cause, fear or alarm to the public, or to any section of the public whereby any person may be induced to commit an offence against the State or against the public tranquillity) and 505(2) (Statements creating or promoting enmity, hatred or ill will between classes) of the Indian Penal Code in the case against him.

The case was registered at the Mohammadi police station in Lakhimpur on September 18, 2021, on the complaint of one Ashish Kumar Katiyar, a journalist working at Sudarshan TV. The case was initially registered under Section 153A (promoting enmity among different groups on grounds of religion, race, caste, etc.) of the IPC.

Mohammed Zubair

The tweet for which this case has been registered had pointed out that the channel had superimposed an image of a famous Medina mosque on an image of the Gaza strip, to incorrectly show that the said mosque was being destroyed in Israeli air strikes. The complainant claimed this post was inciting Muslims against the said television channel.

In their application for police remand, the Lakhimpur Kheri police told the court that they also need to visit Bengaluru to seize the device with which the May 2021 tweet was posted, his laptop, and other electronic devices.

Bail plea in Delhi case

Mr. Zubair's lawyers in Delhi said they have moved a fresh bail application in the Delhi Police Special Cell (IFSO) case, registered in June 2022 in connection with a 2018 tweet.

This case was over a tweet which had an image of a 1983 CBFC-approved film *Kissi Se Na Kehna*, which showed a fictional hotel's name being changed from "Honeymoon" hotel to "Hanuman" hotel.

Mr. Zubair is currently in judicial custody in this case and an earlier bail plea in this case was denied by chief metropolitan magistrate Snigdha Sarvaria. The fresh bail application is expected to be heard on July 12 by the court of the additional sessions judge as per the roster, Mr. Zubair's lawyers said.

Cong. demands debate in Parliament on LAC crisis

PM's silence harmful to country, it says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Raising the issue of Chinese transgressions in eastern Ladakh, the Congress on Monday claimed that the July 7 talks between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi did not yield the desired result in restoring the *status quo ante* prior to May 2020 at the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Lok Sabha member Gaurav Gogoi, at a press conference, demanded a two-day debate in Parliament and urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to address the nation on its concerns over national security, integrity and sovereignty.

"More than two years after the border crisis with China began in eastern Ladakh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's strategy can be summed up with DDLJ: Deny, Distract, Lie, Justify," the Congress leader said.

"While the Ministry of External Affairs' statement following the meeting called on China 'to complete the disengagement from all remaining areas', the Chinese statement made no reference to Ladakh whatsoever. Instead, it discussed Chinese concerns over Ukraine. We have reached such a sorry situation that the Chinese don't even bother to acknowledge India's demands," Mr. Gogoi added.

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi tweeted, "Some truths about the Prime Minister: 1. Is afraid of China. 2. Hides the truth from the public. 3. Just protects his own image. 4. Lowers the morale of the Army. 5. Plays with the security of the country". "The increasing infiltration by China and the Prime Minister's silence are very harmful for the country," he said.

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E-TENDER
Notice No. 02-DCE-CN-SA-2022 (OT) Dated : 09.07.2022
For and on behalf of The President of India, The Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Salem - 636 005 invites e-tender for the following work as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal www.ireps.gov.in. The tenderers/contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal www.ireps.gov.in and only online tenders will be accepted.
Name of the work : Proposed construction of Pedestrian subway of Size (1) 3.00 x 2.75m in lieu of existing LC No.133 at Km 441/9-11, (2) 4.50 x 2.75m in lieu of existing LC No. 11 at Km :12/9-21 and Roof Covering, Construction of RCC collection well with Pump house of size 4.00 x 4.00 (DRG No.SR/CN.27262) at LC No. 133 & 11 between Erode and Coimbatore section (Balance works).
Cash Value in Rupees : 1,34,95,785.28
Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees) : 2,17,500.00
Cost of Tender form (Rupees) : 0
Period of completion in month(s) : TEN
Closing Date @ 15.00 hrs : 03.08.2022
For further details refer to website portal : www.ireps.gov.in or contact Office of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction, Salem - 636 005.
Deputy Chief Engineer, Construction, Salem - 636 005.
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KOLKATA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION e-TENDER
ABRIDGED NIT
The **Ch. Mpl. Engineer (SWM), KMC** invites Request for Proposal (RfP) for the work mentioned below (Submission online).
Tender Reference Number : KMC/SWM/RFP/CON/III/21-22
Scheme / Work(s) : "**Engagement of Management Consultant for Kolkata Municipal Corporation**"; Last date and time of bid submission : **08.08.2022 upto 01.00 p.m.**; The document for Request for Proposal (RfP) and other details are available on and from **15.07.2022 from 05.00 p.m.** from the website **https://wbtenders.gov.in and www.kmcgov.in** 362/22-23

KALYANA KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION.
CENTRAL OFFICES, Stores & Purchase Department, Behind NEKRTC, Kalaburagi-1 division office, Old ITI Building, MSK Mill Road, KALABURAGI. Tel & Fax: 08472 - 260502, Mobile: 7760686172(COSP), 7760992029(SO),
No. KKT/CO/COSP/ 03 /2022-23. Date: 11.07.2022.
Notice Inviting Short Time Tender (through e-procurement mode only)
KKRTC invited short time tender for procurement of the following goods through e-procurement portal. The details are as below.
Tender No: G-03/2022-23 dt: 11.07.2022. **Details :** Supply of Thermal paper Rolls for Electronic Ticket Machines. **Tender Value** in Lakhs Rs.97.50 (Approx). Last date for submission of tenders @ 17.00 hrs.: **19.07.2022**
The details of Registration, Tender documents etc. are available at http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Mail to cospnekrtc@gmail.com or support@helpdesk.com for further information, if required.
Note: Further, any addendum/corrigendum with respect to any changes in calendar of events, specification, scope, other tender terms and conditions etc. Will be uploaded / published through e-portal only.
Sd/- Controller of Stores & Purchases,
(Tender Inviting Authority)
DIPR/KALABURAGI/353/MCA/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
Department of Mines & Geology
#49, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bangalore-560001 E-mail: dir-mines@karnataka.gov.in
No. DMG-17012/5/2021/2022-23 — Date: 11th July 2022
C. No. 558708
NOTIFICATION AND NOTICE INVITING TENDER
"Invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease for iron ore mines"
In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10(B) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Minerals (Evidence of Mineral Contents) Rules, 2015 and the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 and amendments notified thereunder, **clarifications issued by the Ministry of Mines, Government of India** and also the Supreme Court Judgments, and orders in Samaja Parivarthana Samudaya and Ors v/s. State of Karnataka and Others W.P. (C) 562 of 2009, the Government of Karnataka is conducting second attempt of five (05) Category 'C' iron ore mines for electronic auction for grant of Mining Lease.

S. No.	Name of the mine	Mineral	Concession Area (in Ha.)	Estimated resources (in MMT)
1.	M/s Srinivasalu ML No. 2631	Iron ore	75.14	9.88
2.	Ramgad Mines & Minerals Pvt. Ltd. ML No. 2451	Iron ore	24.04	2.137
3.	M/s Thangavelu & Others ML No. 2585	Iron ore	60.92	3.303
4.	B.R Yogendranath Singh ML No. 2186	Iron ore	15.89	2.84
5.	Sri. Allum Veerabhadrappa ML No. 2436	Iron ore & Manganese	24.53	Fe – 3.645 Mn – 0.93

The second attempt is being undertaken as per clause (b) of sub-rule 11 of Rule 9 of Mineral (Auction) Rules 2015 and amendments thereunder. Any person, firm or company who satisfies the eligibility criteria can participate in the auction. Technical and financial bids for the above listed mines are invited online. Apart from the online Technical Bids, bidders will have to submit duly executed original physical copies of their Technical Bids to the Tender Inviting Authority i.e. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka. Eligibility conditions, terms and conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Tender Documents, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process shall be available in electronic form only at the website of MSTC Ltd (**http://www. mstcecommerce.com/ auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp**). Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves at the above website. On successful registration, bidders will obtain login ID and password, which are necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and summary of the mine shall be available free of cost at the website of MSTC Limited (**http://www.mstcecommerce.com /auctionhome/ mlcl/index.jsp**). For participating in the bidding process, the registered bidders will have to purchase the mine specific tender document at the website of MSTC Ltd by paying **Rs 2,00,000/-** (Rs. Two Lakhs Only) + GST. The sale of tender document shall commence from **12th July 2022.** Last date for sale of tender document at the website of MSTC Ltd is **10th August 2022**. Last date for submission of Technical Bids plus the Initial Price Offers at the website of MSTC Ltd is **17:00 hours IST on 16th August 2022**. Physical copies of the Technical Bids must reach the Tender Inviting Authority i.e. Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Karnataka on or prior to **17:00 hours IST on 16th August 2022**.
Sd/-
Director
DIPR/EP/1386/Zonkon/2022-23
STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

14 candidates score 100 in JEE Main

Four from Telangana and three from Andhra Pradesh got the top score in the first session of the test

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Fourteen candidates have achieved the perfect score in the engineering entrance exam JEE-Main, the results of which were announced on Monday.

According to the National Testing Agency (NTA), four candidates from Telangana got the top score in the first edition of JEE-Main, 2022. It was followed by three from Andhra Pradesh.

The top scorers from Telangana are Jasti Yashwanth V.V.S., Rupesh Biyani, Aniket Chattopadhyay and Dheeraj Kurukunda.

Koyayana Suhas, Penikalpati Ravi Kishore are Polisetty Karthikeya are the top scorers from Andhra Pradesh.

Other candidates who scored 100 are Sarthak Maheshwari (Haryana), Kushagra Srivastava (Jharkhand), Mrinal Garg (Punjab), Sneha Pareek (Assam), Navya (Rajasthan), Boya Harsen Sathvik (Karnataka) and Saumitra Garg (Uttar Pradesh).

Wait is over: Over seven lakh aspirants appeared for the examination this year. • FILE PHOTO

"Over 8.7 lakh candidates had registered for the exam, of whom 7.69 lakh appeared. The examination was conducted at 588 examination centres in 407 cities, including 17 cities outside India – Manama, Doha, Dubai, Kathmandu, Muscat, Riyadh, Sharjah, Singapore, Kuwait City, Kuala Lumpur, Lagos, Colombo, Jakarta, Vienna, Moscow, Port Louis, and Bangkok," a senior NTA official said.

"Over 550 observers, 424 city-coordinators, 18 regional coordinators, 369 deputy session papers and are based on relative performance of all those who appeared for the examination in one session. The marks obtained are converted into a scale ranging from 100 to 0 for each session of the examinees," the official said.

In 13 languages

The examination was conducted in 13 languages – Assamese, Bengali, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu.

The second session of JEE-Main is scheduled from July 21 to 30. After both sessions, the ranks of the candidates will be released taking into consideration the best of the two NTA scores.

"A control room was opened in the NTA premises where virtual observers were deployed for live CCTV coverage of all examination centres in India to curb malpractices," the official said.

HC adjourns hearing in Mumbai train blasts case

Govt. had filed plea to confirm death penalty of five convicts

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Monday adjourned the hearing on the confirmation of the death sentence awarded to five convicts in the Mumbai train blasts case, saying it was "overburdened".

July 11 marked the 16th anniversary of the seven blasts in a space of 11 minutes that killed over 200 people and injured over 700.

A Division Bench of Justices R.D. Dhanuka and M.G. Sewlikar was hearing an appeal filed by the Maharashtra government seeking confirmation of the death penalty. The court was also hearing an appeal filed by seven other convicts challenging their life sentence.

Special public prosecutor Raja Thakare informed the court that hearing all the matters would take at least six months. The Bench remarked that it was already overburdened, and the Chief Justice should be approached to assign a dedicated Bench to hear the cases.

Mahendra Pitale, whose one hand was amputated after the blasts, pays tribute in Mumbai on Monday. • PTI

Mr. Thakare then told the court that these matters were assigned to Benches led by Justices Naresh Patil, B.P. Dharmadhikari and S.S. Jadhav, but they were all due to retire.

The lawyers said this Bench was assigned the case and therefore, the matter must be heard by it.

"Yes, but we are already overloaded," the court said. "I will simply place this matter for hearing in August for directions and final hearing."

On September 30, 2015, a special Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act court sentenced to death Faisal Sheikh, Asif Khan, Kamal Ansari, Ehtesham Siddiqui and Naveed Khan who planted the bombs on different trains.

Mohammed Sajid Ansari, who prepared the electrical circuits for the bombs; Mohammed Ali, who made his residence available to make them; Tanveer Ansari, one of the conspirators; and Majid Shafi, Muzzammil Shaikh, Sohail Shaikh and Zamir Shaikh who provided logistical support were sentenced to life imprisonment.

CBI files case in ₹1,438-cr. bank fraud

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The CBI on Monday filed a case on a complaint from the State Bank of India that a private company and its directors caused a loss of ₹1,438.45 crore to the bank and four other consortium member banks.

The agency said it conducted searches on three premises of the accused in Mumbai and Pune.

"It was alleged that the private/borrower company (engaged in trading of ferrous and non-ferrous metal) and its promoter directors along with unknown entities had caused loss to SBI and consortium member banks (the Central Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, the Oriental Bank of Commerce (now Punjab National Bank and the Bank of Maharashtra) by diverting/siphoning off funds, showing sales to overseas dormant entities, manipulating books of accounts, etc," the CBI said.

India set to beat China in population: UN report

'This will challenge economic growth'

REUTERS
NEW DELHI

India is set to surpass China as the world's most populous country in 2023, with each counting more than 1.4 billion residents this year, a United Nations report said on Monday, warning that high fertility would challenge economic growth.

The world's population, estimated to reach 8 billion by November 15 this year, could grow to 8.5 billion in 2030, and 10.4 billion in 2100, as the pace of mortality slows, said the report released on World Population Day.

India's population was 1.21 billion in 2011, according to the domestic census, which is conducted once a decade. The government had deferred the 2021 census due to the pandemic.

The world's population was growing at its slowest pace since 1950, having fallen below 1% in 2020, UN estimates showed.

In 2021, the average fertility of the world's population stood at 2.3 births per woman over a lifetime, having fallen from about 5 births in 1950.

"This is an occasion to celebrate our diversity, recognise our common humanity, and marvel at advancements in health that have extended lifespans and dramatically reduced maternal and child mortality rates," UN Secretary-General António Guterres said in a statement. Still, a growing population was a reminder of a shared responsibility of care for the planet and to "reflect on where we still fall short of our commitments to one another," he said.

The UN said more than half of the projected increase in the global population up to 2050 will be concentrated in eight countries – Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines and the United Republic of Tanzania.

'Amarnath-like events unpredictable'

Flash floods were due to 'sudden' cloud formation: Ministry of Earth Sciences

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

The flash floods in the vicinity of the Amarnath caves that cost 16 lives already were not due to a cloudburst but an 'extreme event' that could not be forecast in advance. The consequences of global warming are that events such as these are likely to be frequent, said M. Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).

The MoES is the parent Ministry of the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

On the sidelines of an event on July 11 to announce a clean-up of beaches in coastal States in September, Mr. Ravichandran said the floods were due to a "sudden" cloud formation and predicting them in advance was not yet possible because both the science as well as sophisticated instruments necessary for forecasting were insufficient.

IMD meteorologist Sonam Lotus, who heads the centre at Srinagar, in an interview to news site *Kashmir Files*, said rainfall registered at the Amarnath cave was around 2.5-3 cm an hour. Though that was not a substantial amount in the plains, in hilly regions it could mean a large volume that could inundate and overwhelm temporary habitations.

ITBP personnel carry out rescue operation following the flash floods near the Amarnath cave shrine last week. • PTI

July has seen the monsoon revive over many parts of the country, including Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Moisture laden easterly winds have been travelling from lower levels, reaching up to western Himalayas. These winds have been colliding with the westerly winds flowing across the upper levels. Convergence of the winds flowing from opposite directions led to formation of cumulonimbus clouds over the Kashmir region.

In the hills, clouds don't easily dissipate and can get trapped over a certain area, bringing torrential showers and even a cloud burst. Monsoons in previous years too have seen similar short torrents that have caused immense damage.

Kedarnath tragedy

A 2013 cloudburst-like event in Kedarnath triggered massive floods that caused close to 6,000 deaths.

There have also been incidents of rock debris and ice breaking off glaciers and causing floods such as the 2021 avalanche in Chamoli, Uttarakhand that claimed at least 200.

A 2020 report by the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences noted that there was rise in high intensity rain episodes along the west coast of India and along the foothills of western Himalayas between 1969 and 2015.

Brinda Karat slams new forest rules

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Opposing the amended Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022, CPI(M) Polit Bureau member Brinda Karat, in a letter to Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav, has said the amended rules are aimed at corporatisation and not conservation.

Ms. Karat said, "It is objectionable, condemnable and unacceptable how the amended rules have totally eliminated the rights of gram sabhas and tribal communities and others living in forests."

The new rules stipulate a two-stage approval process – in-principle approval and final approval. Shockingly, Ms. Karat said, to get either of these approvals from the Centre, in the list of compliances, the condition for the consent of the gram sabha had been totally eliminated. The tribal community too has no say, Ms. Karat said

Go First cabin crew, technicians go on leave en masse against salary cuts

IndiGo too sees 'mass sick leave' for fourth day

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

The unrest over salaries in the aviation industry has spread to Go First, with nearly 70 cabin crew members across the airline's network going on mass sick leave on Monday in protest against salary cuts.

Go First's technicians, who maintain aircraft to ensure they are airworthy, went on mass sick leave in Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Bengaluru on Sunday and stayed away from work on Monday too. They have also called for this form of protest on Tuesday at the Ranchi, Kolkata and Ahmedabad airports as well.

According to a source from the airline's engineering team, the anger is over low salaries. Though technicians have not faced pay cuts, they typically earn ₹18,000 to ₹20,000 a month and some recent increments were a mere "₹40-50". "We work in extremely hazardous circumstances often with little training. A technician's job is not very different from an aircraft maintenance engineer's but they get paid between one-fifteenth to one-sixth of the latter," said the person who also shared concerns over salaries.

It is reliably learnt that nearly 70 cabin crew at the airline have also called in sick. There was also panic over salaries across all sections of employees, including pilots, which was not deposited till late on Monday. A pilot said he had been drawing a salary of ₹60,000 for the past two years, when his salary pre-pandemic was ₹4 lakh a month.

A Go First spokesperson said salaries had been delayed since the pandemic, but didn't reply to a query on the impact of the mass leave.

At IndiGo too, technicians at stations such as Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Delhi and Mumbai were on "mass sick leave" for the fourth straight day. "I paid ₹5 lakh for my training to become a technician and joined the company on a salary of ₹8,000, and now I earn ₹16,000," said a technician.

Though there were attempts by the management to resolve the issue, including by offering a transport allowance of ₹1,000, sources among technicians say they will continue the protest until they get a revised salary.

"I am pleased to share that we have an agreement on rationalising the anomalies caused by the pandemic. The letters reflecting this will be issued to you over the next two weeks and will be with effect from August 1," IndiGo senior vice-president Sanjay Gupta wrote to his team on Monday evening.

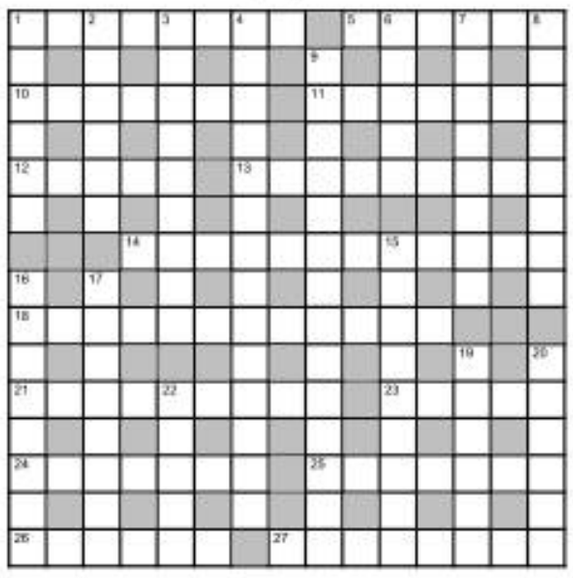
A Directorate General of Civil Aviation official said, "The airlines have reported there is no impact on flight schedule as the flights are cleared by aircraft maintenance engineers. We have been told that there are discussions to resolve the issue of salaries."

THE CROSSWORD + 13606

(set by Hypatia)

To solve this puzzle online, get across to our crossword site @ *https://qrgo.page.link/jjpTn*

SCAN



Across

1 A way to be in touch with friends? (4,4)
5 Overlook either of two adjacent letters daily (6)
10 Say THCC Admin: Extremely ethical (7)
11 Relaxed in Vigilante's bed, said Spooner (3,4)
12 Appoint former footballer quietly leaving court (5)
13 Became familiar with a president through archaic legend mostly (7,2)
14 Fine if cynic hammers about England's incompetence (12)
18 Say Vishy Anand and Praggnanandhaa taking tips from gamer with Twitch streams (12)
21 Record current change at soldier's hub of activity (9)
23 Brothers who told tales of German maiden without skirt (5)
24 Anonymous person portrayed by Picasso and Sorolla (2,3,2)
25 Gangster takes support instead of turning around quickly (7)
26 Arab chief sells island with well in the middle for money (6)
27 Risk fighting that man returning to keep son in battle (8)

Down

1 He attacks cybersecurity knowingly – extorts ransom, basically! (6)
2 Shiny looking old enamel bottles (6)
3 Made perfect feni? (4-5)
4 Perhaps one out of two registered in obscene group (6,8)
6 Orchestral combination taking eight together, basically! (5)
7 Protecting a Government during conflicts (8)
8 Tom Kenny cast as SpongeBob's father, perhaps (8)
9 Crash their data banks in unsuccessful attempt (1,4,2,3,4)
15 Not even 20? Quite the opposite.. (9)
16 Monsters releasing drugs in outlets for oxygen (8)
17 Drive vehicle up to Institute's entrance (8)
19 Animal at a loss, perhaps without tail (6)
20 Drunkard, hot after gulping a second becomes flat (6)
22 Supply event adjourned regularly (5)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

Solution to puzzle 13605

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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4	3	5	9	2	6	1	8	7

FAITH

Yudhishthira's grand yaga

One day Narada visits Yudhishthira in his capital city of Indraprastha. Narada was capable of travelling in any of the worlds, and he had met Pandu, the dead father of the Pandavas. Pandu had told Narada to tell Yudhishthira that he should perform the Rajasuya yaga, for then he could conquer the world. Obeying his father's instructions, Yudhishthira arranges for the yaga, said Kidambi Narayanan in a discourse. Invitations are sent to all kings, and scholars. All of them accept the invitation.

Yudhishthira has provided a magnificent feast for everyone. In the dining area, only two phrases are heard: "Have some more;" "Please serve some more." Curd and ghee flow like rivers. Cooked rice is piled up like big hills. It has been arranged to blow a conch when one lakh people have eaten. This conch is heard many times a day, indicating how many people are served food every day.

Kings arrive with their retinue of servants and cooks. They bring many gifts. They get their cooks to cook excellent food, which they themselves serve to the visiting scholars. While the ritviks perform the rites of the yaga, grammarians have discussions on grammar. In another place, music, dance and drama provide the necessary entertainment to the people. Thus, the capital bears a festive look, even while the yaga is done according to the prescribed rules. There has been no yaga on this scale. Nor has any city looked so grand as Indraprastha. Dritarashtra and Duryodhana too attend the yaga. The kings tell Yudhishthira that with this yaga, he has now attained the status of samrat. When the yaga is completed, the invitees depart to their respective countries. Yudhishthira asks his brothers to accompany them up to the border of his kingdom to bid farewell.

Political stalemate persists in Sri Lanka

Speculation heightens over Gotabaya's whereabouts; SJB says Premadasa should be interim President

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka on Monday was rife with speculation over President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's whereabouts, and uncertainty over the island's political future, two days after citizens mounted massive resistance against the two leaders over an unprecedented economic crisis.

President Gotabaya, who has promised to resign on July 13, was on Monday flown to an airbase near the main international airport in Katunayake, near Colombo, AFP reported. When *The Hindu* contacted spokespersons of the island's Civil Aviation Authority and the Air Force, both said they were unaware of such a development.

Turmoil continues: People throng President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's official residence on Monday, two days after protesters occupied the colonial-era structure. • AP

Official word

There is no official word from the President's office on his current location, except a statement that said all messages issued by President Gotabaya would henceforth be released by the Speaker. "Therefore, kindly request that only the announcements issued by the Speaker to be considered as official announcements issued by the President," the Presidential Media Division said. Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, who earlier told BBC that the President was in a "nearby country" and was expected to return by Wednesday, backtracked on the statement later. "I made a mistake," he said, further fuelling rumours of the President "fleeing" the country to a Gulf capital.

Meanwhile, the Speaker convened a party leaders' meeting for the second time since angry protesters stormed the homes and offices of the President and the PM on Saturday, in a dramatic takeover of the buildings, pushing both leaders to agree to resign. Neither has formally stepped down yet, but opposition parties have been holding talks on forming a caretaker government with all parties in it, for a short period.

Opposition leader Sajith Premadasa, who leads the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB or United People's Power), said President Gotabaya, PM Ranil Wickremesinghe, and the ruling party had "lost legitimacy". "We will form a new government with a new President & a new PM. All those who oppose this process will be responsible for the ensuing anarchy," he said in a tweet on Monday.

"As the largest opposition party, we believe that any interim government we form must be led by Sajith Premadasa as President," said SJB lawmaker Eran Wickramaratne.

Fringe elements

"We are very clear that this must be an interim, short-term arrangement to address immediate economic issues. We must soon go in for elections because people must be given an opportunity to give us a mandate. Otherwise, fringe elements may try to capture the space," he told *The Hindu*.

The SJB, with about 50 seats in the 225-member Parliament, is counting on "independent" MPs and dissenting members from the ruling camp to join its MPs and put forward a Prime Ministerial candidate, but political sources said they were far from an agreement on the matter. At the party leaders' meeting on Monday, it was also decided that should President Gotabaya resign on July 13, as has been assured by him, Parliament would be summoned on July 15. A nomination for Presidency would be made on July 19 and a parliamentary vote will be held on July 20.

Ex-Trump adviser agrees to testify at riot hearings: reports

Bannon was set to face trial for defying Congress subpoena

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON

Former Trump adviser Steve Bannon has agreed to testify in the Capitol riot hearings, days before he was to face trial for defying a subpoena from the committee investigating the attack on Congress, U.S. media reported on Sunday.

"Mr. Bannon is willing to, and indeed prefers, to testify at your public hearing," his lawyer Robert Costello wrote in a letter to the House Select Committee on Saturday, which was initially reported by *The Guardian* and cited by U.S. media.

Mr. Bannon was among dozens of people called to testify on last year's assault on the Capitol aimed at shutting down Congress over former President Donald Trump's baseless claims that Joe Biden won the 2020 election due to voter fraud.

Steve Bannon

Investigators believe Mr. Bannon and other advisers to Mr. Trump could have information on links between the White House and the mob that invaded the Capitol on the day it was due to certify Mr. Biden as winner.

Although he was not a White House employee or an official aide of Mr. Trump, Mr. Bannon's attorneys had previously claimed he was protected by presidential executive privilege and did not have to cooperate with the committee.

According to the letter explaining his about-face, Mr. Bannon told the committee that "circumstances have now changed."

"President Trump has decided that it would be in the best interests of the American people to waive executive privilege for Stephen K. Bannon, to allow Mr. Bannon to comply with the subpoena issued by your Committee."

Last November, Mr. Bannon turned himself in to the FBI to face charges of contempt of Congress after refusing to testify.

Europe frets over reduced gas supplies from Russia

Gazprom begins 10 days of maintenance on Nord Stream 1

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BERLIN

Russian energy giant Gazprom began 10 days of maintenance on its Nord Stream 1 pipeline on Monday – with Germany and other European countries watching anxiously to see if the gas comes back on.

The annual work on the gas link was scheduled long in advance. But the fear is that – with relations between Russia and the West at their lowest in years because of the invasion of Ukraine – Gazprom might take the opportunity to simply shut off the valves. "Putin is going to turn off the gas tap... but will he turn it back on one day?" German mass-market daily *Bild* asked on Sunday on its website.

Italian energy company Eni and Austrian Group OMV both reported their supplies from Gazprom had also been reduced.

"There are a number of scenarios in which we could end up in an emergency," Klaus Mueller, the head of Germany's federal gas network regulator, told public broadcaster ZDF on Monday.

Bottlenecks in pipeline: The receiving station of the Nord Stream 1 natural gas near Lubmin, Germany. • GETTY IMAGES

"We are confronted with an unprecedented situation – anything is possible," German Vice-Chancellor Robert Habeck told public radio over the weekend. "It is possible that the gas will flow once more, even at a higher volume level than before."

But, he warned, "it is possible that nothing comes through, and we still have to prepare for the worst" as Europe scrambles to transition away from Russia for energy supplies.

Moscow had wound down supplies by 60% in recent weeks, blaming the absence of a turbine even as Berlin denounced what it calls a "political" decision.

Those cuts had a knock-on effect on supplies to a number of EU States, while Poland and Bulgaria have also seen theirs stopped altogether.

One issue at least was resolved over the weekend, when Canada agreed to return to Germany the turbine, which had been undergoing maintenance, despite the objections of Ukraine.

Berlin has also speculated that for technical reasons it would be difficult for Gazprom to stop deliveries via Nord Stream entirely.

Lithuania widens curbs on trade via Kaliningrad

Russia, Belarus moot joint response

REUTERS
VILNIUS

Lithuania on Monday expanded restrictions on trade through its territory to Russia's Baltic exclave of Kaliningrad, as phase-ins on earlier-announced European Union sanctions against Moscow took effect.

Additional goods barred from Monday morning include concrete, wood, alcohol and alcohol-based industrial chemicals, a spokesperson for Lithuanian customs said.

Russia warned Lithuania and the European Union on Friday that it could adopt "harsh measures" against them if the transit of some goods to and from Kaliningrad did not resume "within the coming days".

"An emphasis was made on the situation in connection with the illegal restrictions imposed by Lithuania on the transit of goods to the Kaliningrad region," the Kremlin said on Monday.

"In this context, some possible joint steps were discussed."

The trade curbs have been upgraded as governments, markets and companies worry that Russia could choose to extend the shutoff of the biggest single pipeline carrying Russian gas to Germany beyond a planned 10-day maintenance period.

Kaliningrad borders on NATO and European Union states Lithuania and Poland and relies on railways and roads through Lithuania for most goods. The coastal territory has been cut off from some freight transport from mainland Russia since June 17 under EU sanctions imposed over Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Goods that fall within humanitarian or essential categories, such as food, are exempted from the sanctions.

Debt default

The row over Kaliningrad's isolation is testing Europe's resolve to enforce the sanctions, raising fears of an escalating confrontation with Russia after other restrictions pushed Moscow to default on its debt.

European officials, with the backing of Germany, sought in June a compromise to resolve the standoff.

(With AFP input)

'SE Asia should avoid being chess pieces'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
JAKARTA

Southeast Asian nations should avoid becoming "chess pieces", China's Foreign Minister said on Monday.

Wang Yi held five hours of talks on Saturday with U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken – their first since October – on the Indonesian island of Bali, after the pair attended a Group of 20 gathering the day before.

"We should insulate this region [ASEAN] from geopolitical calculations and the trap of the law of the jungle, from being used as chess pieces in major power rivalries," Mr. Wang said.

"I told the U.S. side very solemnly, that our two sides should consider discuss the establishment of rules for positive interactions in the Asia Pacific and to uphold jointly open regionalism," the Foreign Minister said.

Kishida calls for unity to achieve Abe's goals

Constitutional reforms on agenda

ASSOCIATED PRESS
TOKYO

Boosted by a new election mandate, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on Monday called for party unity for political stability and to achieve the assassinated former leader Shinzo Abe's unfinished goals of strengthening the military and revising the war-renouncing Constitution.

Mr. Kishida's governing Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and its junior coalition partner Komeito secured a solid majority in the Parliament's Upper House in elections on Sunday.

Mr. Kishida welcomed the victory but also acknowledged that unifying the party will be a hard task without Abe, who even after resigning as PM in 2020 had led a powerful party faction.

"Because we've lost a great leader, undeniably we could be affected in many ways," he said. "Our party must unite as we face difficult issues." "We will inherit his will and tackle the issues he had to leave unachieved," including an amendment to the U.S.-drafted postwar Constitution.

Sunday's vote gave the LDP-led coalition 146 seats in the 248-seat upper chamber, the less powerful of Parliament's two Houses.

The result means Mr. Kishida could rule uninterrupted until a scheduled election in 2025 and allows him to work on long-term policies.

Advancement on amending the Constitution is now a realistic possibility. With the help of two Opposition parties supportive of a charter change, the governing bloc now has two-thirds majority in the upper chamber needed to propose an amendment. The governing bloc already had the needed support in the lower house.

U.K. Conservatives jostle in testy leadership race

Candidates are promising tax cuts

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LONDON

Candidates to replace Boris Johnson as Britain's Prime Minister are scattering tax-cutting promises to their Conservative Party electorate, as party officials prepare to quickly narrow the crowded field of almost a dozen candidates.

Little-known Junior Minister Rehman Chishti became the 11th candidate to declare he wants to succeed Mr. Johnson, who quit as Conservative leader on Thursday. Other contenders include Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, Treasury chief Nadhim Zahawi, former Health Secretaries Sajid Javid and Jeremy Hunt, and backbench lawmakers Tom Tugendhat and Kemi Badenoch.

The new leader will be chosen in a two-stage election, in which the 358 Conservative lawmakers reduce the race to two candidates through a series of elimination votes. The final pair will be put to a postal ballot of party members across the country. Under Britain's parliamentary system the new leader will automatically become Prime Minister without the need for a general election.

The party's 1922 Committee, which runs leadership contests, is set to elect a new executive on Monday, which will lay out rules for the contest. The committee wants to complete the parliamentary stage of the election before lawmakers break for the summer on July 21. That would mean a summer second round with a new leader in place by the time the House of Commons returns on September 5.

One key decision by the committee will be how many nominations a candidate will need to get onto the first ballot. At the last leadership contest in 2019 it was eight, but the threshold could be 20 or more this time – a move that could eliminate some contenders immediately.

Many Conservatives are wary of leaving Mr. Johnson in office for too long, concerned a lame-duck leader is the last thing U.K. needs.

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ई-निविदा की अवधि बढ़ाना / EXTENSION OF E-TENDER

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E-Tender Notification

The Commissioner for Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore hereby invites bids in Two-Cover system through e-Procurement portal from eligible bidders for the following tenders. The Tender Documents with detailed terms and conditions may be obtained from the website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Tender Schedules are as below

Sl. No.	Tender Name & Number	Date of Floating Tender on e- Procurement Portal	Date and Time of pre-bid meeting	Last date and Time for bidding through eprocurement portal
1.	Tender No: DCE/2021-22/IND1068/CALL-3 "Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of CCTV System to RUSA Colleges under the Purview of Department of Collegiate and Technical Education"	07.07.2022	12.07.2022 11.00 AM	08.08.2022 05.00 PM

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Director of Collegiate Education Bangalore, Karnataka

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Central Offices, Stores and Purchase Department, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027

NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO 3 Dated: 07/07/2022

Tenders (Pre-qualification and or commercial offers) through e-procurement portal (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) are invited for supply the following goods:
Further any addendum / corrigendum in respect of change in calendar of events, specification, scope, other tender terms and conditions etc, will be uploaded / published through e-portal only.

Tender No	Nomenclature of Items/ Services	Tender Value in Crores Rs.(Approx)	Last date for submission of tender @17.00Hrs
G-12/22-23	Procurement of Window Frame Assemblies with Glasses	0.50	18/07/2022
G-13/22-23	Electro Resistant Welding Galvanized Iron Tube & Cold Roled Mildsteel Square Tubes & CRMS Round Tubes	8.00	08/08/2022
G-14/22-23	Supply,Installation & Commissioning of Minor Garage equipment's on turnkey basis	1.50	08/08/2022
G-15/22-23	Engaging an agency for providing Call Centre services	0.95	08/08/2022
G-16/22-23	Bus Body Building items required for Regional Workshops	0.48	21/07/2022
G-17/22-23	Procurement of Iron & Steel (GP Sheets, HR sheets) etc	0.48	21/07/2022
G-18/22-23	Procurement of Balata Packing	0.30	21/07/2022
G-20/22-23	Procurement of Trichloroethylene	0.49	21/07/2022
G-22/22-23	Procurement of Stationery	0.38	21/07/2022
A-01/22-23	Procurement of Steering Components & Assemblies	3.80	08/08/2022
A-02/22-23	Procurement of Clutch and Clutch Parts	20.00	10/08/2022
	SHORT TERM Tender		
G-10/22-23	Procurement of 2K PU Paints & Allied Materials	13.00	21/07/2022
G-11/22-23	Procurement of Aluminium Plain Sheets & Extrusions	8.00	21/07/2022
G-19/22-23	Procurement of Vinly Flooring Mat	0.85	21/07/2022
G-21/22-23	Procurement of Hessain Based Bitumen Felts for water proofing	2.50	21/07/2022
G-23/22-23	Procurement of Automotive Batteries	17.00	21/07/2022
A-03/22-23	Procurement of FIP Spares.	25.00	16/07/2022
A-04/22-23	Procurement of Head Lamp Assemblies & Accerories	6.50	21/07/2022
A-05/22-23	Procurement of Radiatior Assemblies & Core	5.75	21/07/2022
	Addendum/ Corrigendum		

*G-29/20-21- Self Adhesive Plastic Felt - (Notification no:5 Dated:02/11/2021), G-19/20-21 - Procurement of 2K PU Paints & Allied Materials, A-18/21-22-Procurement of Radiator Assemblies & Cores,A-20/21-22- Procurement of FIP Spares,A-21/20-21-Procurement of Head Lamp Assemblies & Accerories- (Notification no:: 06 Dated: 26/12/2021) G-60/21-22- Procurement of Automotive Batteries & G-62/21-22-Procurement of Vinly Floor Mat -(Notification no:10 Dated: 26/03/2021) is been cancelled due to technical reasons.
*G--07/22-23 - Procuremrnt of Automotive Glasses-tender value to be read as 8 crores.(Notification no:2 Dated:13/05/2022)

NOTE:- Interested suppliers need to register in the e-procurement portal. For further information log into https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. In capse of further assistance, contact e-procurement cell (Phone No.: 080–22230960, 080–22234115). Interested suppliers may also contact e-procurement cell for training on bid submission. Mail to eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com for further information if required.

Sd/-, CONTROLLER OF STORES & PURCHASES
(Tender Inviting Authority)

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MARKET WATCH

	11-07-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	54,395	-0.16
US Dollar	79.45	-0.23
Gold	50,561	-0.10
Brent oil	106.46	–

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	729.20	13.50
Apollo Hosp.	3933.25	-2.90
Asian Paints	2933.05	53.25
Axis Bank	679.85	10.70
Bajaj Auto	3848.55	23.55
Bajaj Finserv	11938.15	-64.95
Bajaj Finance	5861.50	-11.70
Bharti Airtel	660.55	-34.60
BPCL	315.90	-9.40
Britannia Ind	3795.40	-21.55
Cipla	947.55	12.10
Coal India	193.35	3.55
Divis Lab	3734.10	62.80
Dr Reddys Lab	4501.00	94.80
Eicher Motors	3046.85	115.25
Grasim Ind	1406.00	14.65
HCL Tech	943.55	-40.00
HDFC	2249.50	9.75
HDFC Bank	1406.15	9.05
HDFC Life	546.65	1.30
Hero MotoCorp	2868.10	18.80
Hindalco	356.20	-1.35
Hind Unilever	2490.60	-6.25
ICICI Bank	769.50	13.80
Indusind Bank	858.35	9.75
Infosys	1473.15	-41.30
ITC	295.00	1.95
JSW Steel	577.30	11.10
Kotak Bank	1741.25	-3.50
L&T	1663.00	-24.45
M&M	1165.05	31.45
Maruti Suzuki	8507.65	31.70
Nestle India Ltd.	18489.40	70.25
NTPC	144.80	1.10
ONGC	125.50	4.00
PowerGrid Corp	217.05	-1.75
Reliance Ind	2423.90	32.50
SBI Life	1147.40	0.50
State Bank	488.20	-0.35
Shree Cement	19854.15	-78.65
Sun Pharma	857.25	-0.45
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	765.90	4.50
Tata Motors	437.05	-4.50
Tata Steel	912.75	26.85
TCS	3113.80	-151.65
Tech Mahindra	1007.55	-18.95
Titan	2163.60	19.25
UltraTech Cement	5854.25	15.15
UPL	690.80	0.55
Wipro	411.20	-7.90

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 11

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.24	79.56
Euro	80.08	80.40
British Pound	94.62	95.00
Japanese Yen (100)	57.81	58.04
Chinese Yuan	11.81	11.86
Swiss Franc	80.76	81.09
Singapore Dollar	56.47	56.70
Canadian Dollar	60.95	61.20
Malaysian Ringitt	17.90	17.98
Australian Dollar	53.78	53.99

Source:Indian Bank

IN BRIEF

Mercedes-Benz India first-half sales rise 56%

MUMBAI

Mercedes-Benz India said it sold 7,573 units in the first half of the year, a 56% increase from the first half of 2021. Sales volumes of 3,551 reported in the second quarter of calendar year 2022 were 113.5% higher, compared with a year earlier. "The LWB E-Class remained the single highest-selling model for Mercedes-Benz," the firm said in a statement.

City Union Bank to ink pacts with more insurers

CHENNAI

City Union Bank (CUB) said it would tie up with three more insurers for distribution of insurance products in life, health and general sectors. On Monday, CUB announced a tie-up with Care Health Insurance. Over the next few days, the bank said, it would ink pacts with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Co. Ltd., Royal Sundaram General Insurance Co. Ltd. and Aditya Birla Health Insurance.

IRDAI panels to sort out insurer-reinsurer issues

NEW DELHI

Regulator IRDAI on Monday said it has set up two task forces to sort out issues between insurers and re-insurers. Bhargav Dasgupta, MD and CEO of ICICI Lombard General, has been named the chairman of the panel to sort out the issues between non-life insurers and reinsurers. The second task force headed by Naveen Tahilyani, CEO and MD, Tata AIA Life Insurance, will look at the life insurance segment and reinsurers. PTI

SC seeks govt. reply on digital system for DIN

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday sought the Centre's response to a plea seeking implementation of a digital system for generation of Document Identification Number (DIN) for communication sent by State tax officers. A Bench listed the case for hearing on July 18 after considering the submissions that only Karnataka and Kerala had a proper DIN system in place.

'Corporate profit margins likely dipped for 3rd straight quarter'

Revenues may have risen on price increases and volume, says Crisil Research

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MUMBAI

Bearing the brunt: Construction-linked sectors likely saw the worst decline in operating profit margins. • AFP

India Inc. is staring at the third consecutive quarter of a year-on-year drop in profit margins for the April-June 2022 period, a Crisil Ratings arm said on Monday.

Operating profit margins have likely fallen by 2-3 percentage points for the June quarter compared with a year earlier, Crisil Research said after analysing 300 companies excluding those from the financial services and oil and gas sectors. It said almost half of the 47 sectors it tracked were likely to see margin contraction.

Corporate revenues are estimated to grown 30%, largely supported by price increases and moderately rising volumes, it said.

The coming days would see results announcements by companies amid adverse events such as the impact of geopolitical tensions on commodities and depreciation in the Indian rupee to record lows.

Operating profit margins in construction-linked sectors were likely to have fallen the most, at more than 9.9%, followed by the investment-linked segment, which saw an on-year margin erosion of over 2.6%, the agency said.

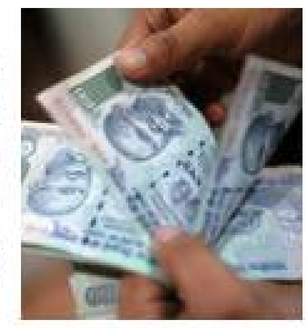
Within this segment, steel products saw a sharp margin contraction of about 15% as input cost escalation was higher than the rise in steel prices.

In contrast, consumer discretionary services and products, as well as consumer staples services, would report an expansion of up to 3 percentage points in operating profit margin, it said, attributing the rise to airline services, followed by telecom services and the media and entertainment segment.

RBI sets up system to settle international trade in rupees

Move to aid trade with nations under sanctions: EEPC India

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has put in place a mechanism to facilitate international trade in rupees (INR), with immediate effect.

Banks acting as authorised dealers for such transactions would have to take prior approval from the regulator to facilitate this.

"In order to promote growth of global trade with emphasis on exports from India and to support the increasing interest of global trading community in INR, it has been decided to put in place an additional arrangement for invoicing, payment, and settlement of exports / imports in INR," the RBI said in a notification.

"The RBI's move... would facilitate trade with countries under sanction like Iran and Russia," said EEPC India Chairman Mahesh Desai.

"As a result of the trade facilitation mechanism... we see payment issues with Russia easing. The move would also reduce the risk of forex fluctuation specially looking at the Euro-rupee parity. We see this as a first step towards 100% convertibility of rupee," he said.

Trade under the facility may be denominated and invoiced in rupees and the exchange rate between the currencies of the two partner countries may be market determined, RBI said.

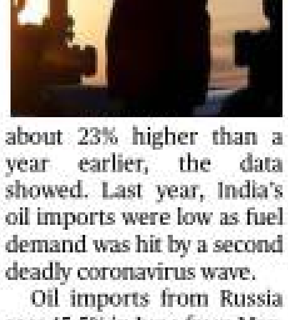
'To strengthen rupee'

"Amid ongoing rupee weakness, the RBI announced steps which appear to be aimed at reducing demand for foreign exchange, by promoting rupee settlement of trade flows," said Rahul Bajoria, MD and Chief India Economist, Barclays.

India's imports of Russian oil said to surge to record

Russia accounts for 20% of shipments

REUTERS
NEW DELHI



India's oil imports from Russia surged to a record of about 9,50,000 barrels per day (bpd) in June, accounting for almost a fifth of overall imports by the world's third-largest oil consumer, data provided by trade sources showed.

Indian refiners have been snapping up Russian oil sold at hefty discounts to Brent and West Asia staples after some Western companies and countries shunned purchases from Moscow following its invasion of Ukraine on February 24.

West Asia share drops

India shipped in about 4.8 million bpd of oil in June, down 3.8% from May but about 23% higher than a year earlier, the data showed. Last year, India's oil imports were low as fuel demand was hit by a second deadly coronavirus wave.

Oil imports from Russia rose 15.5% in June from May, while those from Iraq and Saudi Arabia dropped by 10.5% and 13.5%, respectively, dragging the share of West Asia to 56.5% from 59.3%, the data showed.

Rupee drops 19 paise to new low of 79.45

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MUMBAI

The rupee depreciated 19 paise to close at a fresh lifetime low of 79.45 against the U.S. dollar on Monday amid broad-based dollar demand and foreign capital outflows.

"With the U.S. economy adding jobs at an impressive pace in June, the odds of a series of aggressive rate hikes have increased further, which is pushing the dollar index on an upward trajectory," said Sugandha Sachdeva, vice-president – Commodity and Currency Research, Religare Broking Ltd.

"On the domestic front, concerns about a ballooning trade deficit... are adding further pressure on the local unit," she said.

'Oil marketing firms will likely post Q1 loss of ₹10,700 crore'

Selling at rates below cost to spur marketing loss: brokerage

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NEW DELHI

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum may post a combined loss of ₹10,700 crore in the June quarter on selling petrol and diesel at rates below cost, ICICI Securities said in a report released on Monday.

While raw material – ie, crude oil – prices soared in April-June, petrol and diesel prices at the pumps were not revised in tandem, leading to marketing losses, which offset strong refining margins, it said.

The three state-owned oil marketing firms – IOC, BPCL and HPCL – control 90% of the retail fuel sales in the country. They also own refineries that turn crude oil into fuel such as petrol and diesel. ICICI Securities said the companies were losing ₹12-14 per litre on petrol and diesel, completely offsetting the strong refining performance during the quarter.

"We estimate gross refining margins (GRMs) to remain fairly strong at $17-18 per barrel levels (factoring in inventory loss of $0.1-0.2 a barrel) and marketing volume growth of 17-20%, thanks to continued recovery in prospects and a weaker base," the brokerage said.

Yet, the sharply higher retail losses in petrol and diesel will "drive an EBITDA loss of ₹6,600 crore and a net loss of ₹10,700 crore for the OMCs in Q1FY23E (April-June quarter of 2022-23 fiscal)," it added.

Going forward, with some decline seen in crude in the last few days and the resultant dip in key product spreads as well, some respite would be forthcoming for the marketing losses.

SAT urges SEBI relook at Cairn dividend case

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NEW DELHI

The Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) has set aside a SEBI order in a matter related to the non-payment of dividends by Cairn India Ltd. to Cairn UK Holdings Ltd. and directed the regulator to hold an enquiry and find a 'logical conclusion' in the case within six months.

Cairn India merged with Vedanta Ltd. in 2017.

The appellate tribunal's order, dated July 5, came after an appeal was filed by Cairn UK Holdings Ltd. against the SEBI order.

In April 2017, the U.K.-based firm approached the regulator over the non-payment of dividends amounting to more than ₹340 crore by Cairn India.

TI arm set to unveil electric three-wheeler

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

TI Clean Mobility, a subsidiary of Tube Investments of India Ltd. (TI), will unveil electric three-wheelers and an electric tractor this year, a top official said.

"We have been testing the electric three-wheeler for three years," Arun Murugappan, executive chairman, TI, told reporters.

"It will be unveiled by end-August or early September under the brand Montra." The company is planning to produce the electric three-wheelers at Ambattur.

TI has set aside ₹350 crore for investment in TI Clean Mobility.

TI had acquired start-up Cellestial, which is into making e-tractors. These e-tractors would be introduced by the year end.

Bharti Airtel stock slides 5%, Vodafone gains 3.44%

Trades follow Adani statement on 5G

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Bharti Airtel shares plunged 5.03% to ₹660.30 on the BSE on Monday while Vodafone Idea climbed 3.44% to ₹8.72. Shares of Adani Enterprises, the Adani Group's holding company, also gained 3.42% to ₹2,371.55.

The Adani Group had clarified that it would not enter the consumer mobility space, but that its bid for 5G spectrum auction was meant to help provide private network solutions along with enhanced cybersecurity in the airport, ports & logistics, power generation, transmission, distribution and manufacturing operations.

> **To begin with, 5G could supplement Adani's data centre business**
> DEVEN CHOKSEY
> MD, KRChoksey Shares & Securities

"5G could supplement their data centre business to begin with," said Deven Choksey, MD, KRChoksey Shares & Securities.

"The data centre business, with cloud computing, AI, VR and MR offerings, could [help offer] services to their own group businesses apart from connecting the group's customers, suppliers and other service providers on the captive network," he added.

In public networks, because the bandwidth is shared with other users, 'that could result in non-exclusivity or non-priority in services, it may affect the business case of a large user base such as of the Adani group', he pointed out.

Top recruiters expect slowdown in tech hiring

They cite likely recession in the West

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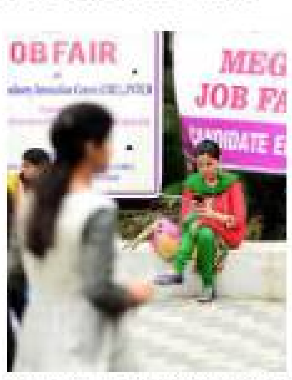

Leading recruiters in India said they expected a slowdown in tech hiring in the coming quarters owing to geopolitical uncertainty, an anticipated global economic slowdown and recession in many customer geographies.

"Owing to global macroeconomic factors like geopolitical uncertainty and expected economic slowdown in many markets, we are expecting a slowdown in tech hiring in India in the coming quarters," said Vidya Sagar Gannamani, CMD, Adecco India.

According to B.S. Murthy, CEO, Leadership Capital, a Bengaluru-based CXO recruitment firm, a recession may have already started in the U.S. and high inflation and falling interest rates have only added to 'slowing economic growth in India'.

Taking a contrarian view, Manish Sabharwal, vice-chairman, Teamlease Services, said, "I don't think there will be a global recession. Even if there is one, it is like this, that we are all in the same storm, but not on the same boat."

Bank of Maharashtra cuts loan rates

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NEW DELHI

Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) on Monday said it has slashed the marginal cost of fund-based lending rate (MCLR) by up to 35 basis points (bps) for various tenors. The lender has revised the MCLR with effect from July 11, according to a regulatory filing.

The one-year tenor MCLR – which is a benchmark for most consumer loans such as auto, home and personal loans – has been revised down to 7.5% from the existing 7.7%, the bank said.

Likewise, the six-month tenor loan will have MCLR at 7.4%, down by 20 basis points. The three-month tenor rate is down by 35 bps to 7.2%, the state-owned lender said.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Nagarathna** Bai A N D/o Narayana, R/o: D/O Narayana, D Group Extension K R S Agrahara,Kunigal., Tumkur-572130, changed my name to Shalini Naik A N for all purposes.

"I, **NIMMI** Timothy, w/o Brigadier George Timothy born on 28/05/1942 residing at #126, Near Adarsha Film Institute, Dasenahalli, Bengaluru. 560088 ,have changed my name to Mary Timothy vide affidavit dated 02 July 2022 at Bangalore."

I, **SRINIVAS** Erappa, R/O. 114, Sree Lakshmi Nivasa, Royal Hermitage Lyt, Gottigere, Bannerghatta Rd, Blr-83, have changed name of my son from Lavanish Srinivas to Lavanish Srinivas Gowda vide afdvt dtd 06/07/22

I, **CHOWDARI** Dhanalakshmi spouse of Trinadha Rao Guntreddi born on 11 Feb 1991 residing at SMQ No. 195/1, 7th camp, Airforce station, Jalahalli east, Bengaluru 560014, have changed my name to Guntreddi Dhanalakshmi vide affidavit dated 07 Jul 22 before Government of Karnataka for all purpose.

I, **ANANTANARAYAN** Iyer Seivur Meenakshi Sundaram, r/at NO.1966, 21st 'A' Main, 1st Sector, HSR Layout, Blore-102, have changed my name as Anantanarayan Meenakshi Sundaram Seivur, vide affidavit dtd 11.07.22 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, Blore

I, **LALITH** Kumar Akhawat, r/at No.6, Pranavas Seetharam Residency G-4, Bugle Rock Road, B.gudi, B'lore-4 have changed my son's name from Maanav Akhawat to Maanav Lalith Akhawat, vide affidavit dtd 11.07.22 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, Blore

I, **HUNUMANTHA** Reddy Govindaraju, r/at No.25/5, Kodandarama Nilaya, Halanayakanahalli, Carmelaram Post, B'lore35, have changed my name as Hanumantha Reddy Govindaraju, vide affidavit dtd 02.07.22 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, Blore

I, **S.VIJAYA** Lakshmi spouse of Sundharasetti Seshagiri R/at SMQ 260/3, AF Stn, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560063 have changed my name from S.Vijaya Lakshmi to Sundharasetti Vijayalakshmi vide affidavit dated 08/07/2022 sworn before Notary H. Sridhar Rao, Bangalore.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SEEMA** Lalith Akhawat, r/at No.6, Pranavas Seetharam Residency G-4, Bugle Rock Road, B.gudi, B'lore-4 have changed my name as Seema, vide affidavit dtd 11.07.22 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, Blore

I, **ALIZAR** Ashok Kumar Jain S/o Zumbarlal Jain Aged about 65 Years, R/o H.No 12-7-253/1A/2A, Behind Mk Bhandari Hospital, Gowshala Road, Raichur-584102, has State on oath Sworn before Notary M. VIRUPAKSHAPPA dated 07-07-2022 that my name is written as Ashok Kumar in my Son 10th Marks Card and now written as Alizar Ashok Kumar Jain, in My Aadhar Card & Pan Card. I further state on oath that both name's are same and Alizar Ashok Kumar Jain, is used for all running purposes. Place- Raichur Dated- 07-07-2022 Deponent Sd/- (Alizar Ashok Kumar Jain)

I, **SMITHA** Sarma Ranganathan W/o Srinivas Chetan H.K, R/at No.1668, 10th Main Road, A Block, Rajajinagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore North-560010, declare that the two names, Smitha Sarma Ranganathan and Smitha Sarma, belongs to me, one and the same person, vide Affidavit dated 09/07/2022 sworn before Notary K.S.Giridhar, Bengaluru.

LEGAL NOTICE

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT (ORDER 5, rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)
In the court of Sh. Gurvinder Pal Singh
District Judge (Commercial Court-02)
Room No. 25, Annexe Building, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi
Case No. CS(COMM.) No. 284/2021
M/s. Volvoline Cummins Pvt. Ltd.
Versus
Namakkal Auto Deisel Works & Anr.
To,
M/s. Namakkal Auto Deisel Works
Through its Proprietor
E-mail ID: [illegible]
At Near Kadb Bangalore Road, Chellakere, Chitradurga, Bangalore-562114
Also at: Namakkal Auto Deisel Works Authorised Service Centre for Ashoka Leyland, [illegible]
WHEREAS above named PLAINTIFF has instituted a suit against you. You are hereby summoned to appear before this court in person or by a pleader on **18-07-2022 at 10:00 AM** to answer the same. [illegible]
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Court, this [illegible]
Sd/
District Judge (Commercial Court-02)
(Seal) Patiala House Courts, N. Delhi

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ROSHAN** Kumar S/o Ashok Kumar, Aged about 34 Years, R/o H.No 12-7-253/1A/2A, Behind Mk Bhandari Hospital, Gowshala Road, Raichur, has State on oath Sworn before Notary M.VIRUPAKSHAPPA dated 07-07-2022 that My name is written as Roshan Kumar S/o Ashok Kumar, in My 10th Marks Card and now written as Roshan Kumar Jain and father name is Alizar Ashok Kumar Jain, in my Aadhar Card, Pan Card & Election Card. I further state on oath that both name's are same and Roshan Kumar Jain S/o Alizar Ashok Kumar Jain, is used for all running purposes. Place- Raichur Dated- 07-07-2022 Deponent Sd/- (Roshan Kumar S/o Ashok Kumar)

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE
O.S. No. 25919/2020
CCH : 58

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd., Represented by its Area Debt Manager and Power of Attorney holder Mr. Santosh A Kulkarni ...**Plaintiff**
AND
Mr. Ganesh P. ...**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

Mr. Ganesh P., S/o. Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi, Aged about 34 years, Residing at No. 504, Sai PG, Ashwath Nagar, 5th Cross, Marathahalli, Bangalore- 560037.

Whereas, the Plaint is filed by the Plaintiff Bank, against the Defendant seeking, Judgment and Decree for recovery of loan amount of **Rs.4,78,350.82 (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Paise Eighty Two Only)** together with interest at the rate of 21% P.A. from the date of filing of the Suit to till the date of decree.

Hence, the Defendant hereby gave this notice to appear before the 57th ACJM Court CCH : 58 on 16th August 2022 At 11 A.M. either personally or through his Counsel to answer to the Plaint failing which, the case will be heard and decided ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court this the 06th day of August 2022.

Bangalore
Date : 06.07.2022

By order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayohall (Unit), Bangalore

Plaintiff Counsel
M.G.C. & Co.,
Advocate and Solicitors,
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IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT TUMAKURU
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 88/2022

BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Ltd.
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office "Landmark", Race Course Circle Vadodara- 390007, and having its Branch office at ICICI Bank Ltd., ICICI RAPG Division, Classic Arcade, 1st floor, KS Rao Road, Beside City Centre, Tumkur and represented POA holder and Manager Mr. Rohith Ali M, S/o. Ishrath Ali M,
Age: 24 Years. ...**PLAINTIFF**
AND
Mr. Maruthi N.S. ...**DEFENDANT**

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication

To,
Defendants :
Mr. Maruthi N.S.
Aged about 30 years,
Son of K.A. Siddaiah
Residing at Nagammanapalya, Kolala Hobli, Koratagere, Near Temple, Tumkur- 572129

Whereas the plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of **Rs.11,53,571/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand and Five Hundred and Seventy One Only)** together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby sommened to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by a pleader on the **25th Day of July 2022 at 11:00 am** to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this **05th day of July 2022.**

By Order of the Court
Sireesthedhar
Prl. Senior Civil Judge Court
Tumkuru

Advocate for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED,
B.M. KUSHALAPPA,
T.N. Ajay
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India keen to emulate T20I blueprint in ODIs

It would be interesting to see how Dhawan adapts to the new mindset; injured Kohli doubtful for opening game

INDIA IN ENG

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LONDON

India won't go ballistic from ball one but the batters are expected to carry their fearless approach from the shortest format to the ODIs when the three-match series against England begins here on Tuesday.

India's high-risk play helped it win the series against England and considering that the ODIs have become an extension of the shortest format, skipper Rohit Sharma sees no reason why his team should back down from that approach.

England redefined the way ODI cricket was played and its dominant run culminated with the World Cup trophy in 2019.

It won't be an exaggeration to say that India's fresh outlook towards the shorter formats is inspired by the English template.

The three games will be the only 50-over contests India will feature in before the T20 World Cup in Australia later this year, but Rohit asserted they still hold a lot of importance.

Eye on the workload

"All matches are important for us. We can't play thinking ODIs are not a priority, but we have to keep in mind the workload of each player. We will make changes but our ultimate goal is to win matches. We will not leave that thought process behind," said Rohit on Sunday after the third T20 at Nottingham.

"For us, the aim is to understand white-ball cricket, how to play, new guys are playing. 50-over is an extension of T20. Maybe you take less risk in ODIs as compared to T20 cricket but you have to take it."

For someone like Shikhar Dhawan, who only plays only one format and will be captaining the team in the West Indies, it will be a challenge to take on the England attack from the word go.

Groin strain

Meanwhile, out-of-form batter Virat Kohli is likely to miss the first ODI after sustaining a groin strain during the third T20I on Sunday.

The extent of Kohli's niggle is still not known, but the Indian team management wouldn't mind giving him a break so that he is available for the next two games at Lord's (July 14) and Manchester (July 17).

It has been learnt that Kohli didn't travel from Nottingham to London in the team bus and the reason could be a stopover to get a medical check-up to assess his condition.

On Monday, only the players selected for the ODIs – Dhawan, Shardul Thakur and Prasidh Krishna – had an optional net session at The Oval.

Redemption

The ODI series will be Buttler's first since taking over as white-ball skipper from Eoin Morgan. After the T20I disappointment, the hosts will be eager to bounce back strongly.

Buttler himself will be looking to make the big scores he is known far, having failed in the T20Is.

Big boost

England will be bolstered by the return of its star players Ben Stokes, Joe Root and Jonny Bairstow, the hero of the Birmingham Test win.

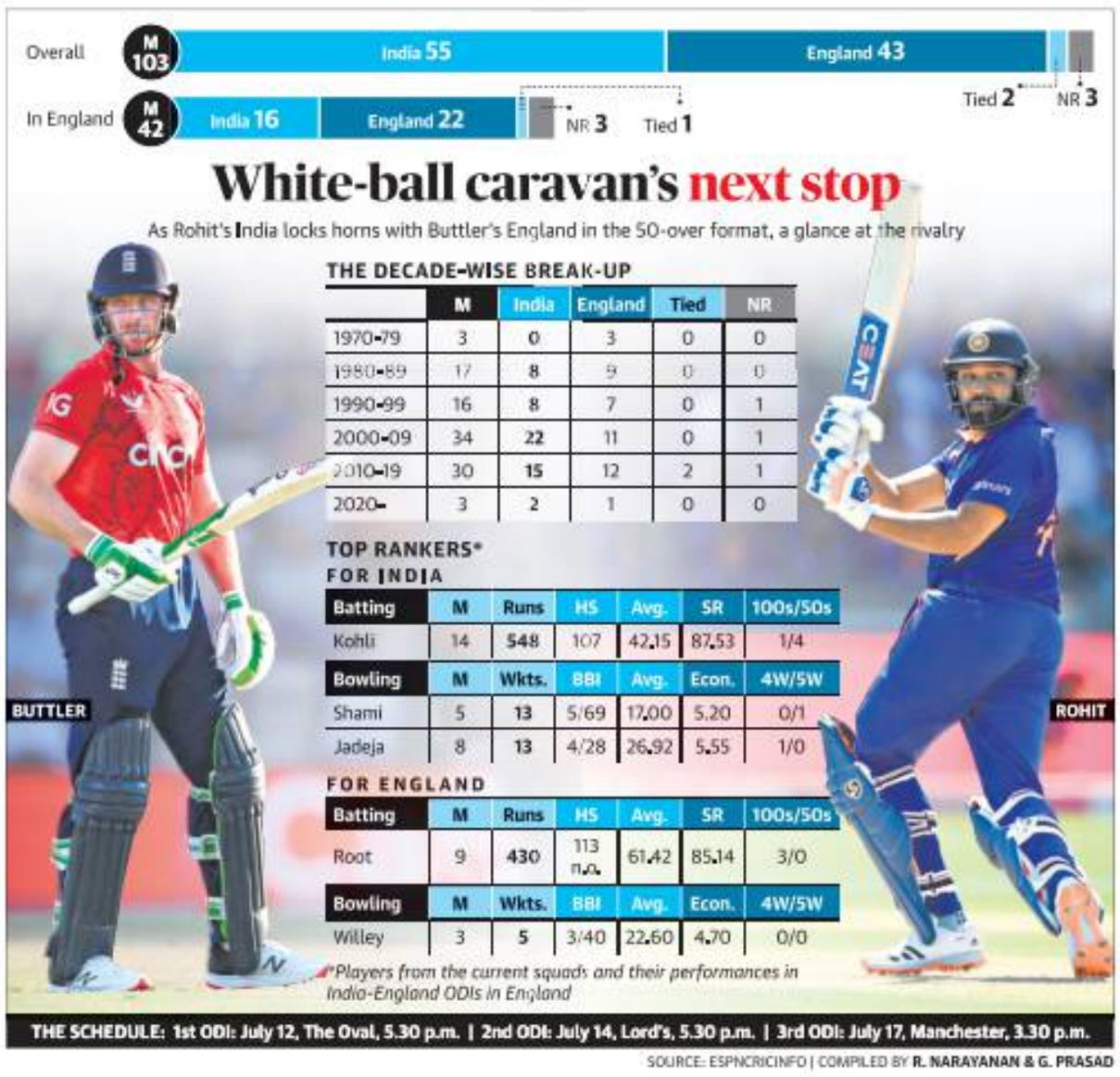
While Root doesn't play T20s, Stokes and Bairstow were rested after the historic triumph in the rescheduled fifth Test.

The teams (from):

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Shikhar Dhawan, Ishan Kishan, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Shardul Thakur, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Jasprit Bumrah, Prasidh Krishna, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, and Arshdeep Singh.

England: Jos Buttler (Capt.), Moeen Ali, Jonny Bairstow, Harry Brook, Brydon Carse, Sam Curran, Liam Livingstone, Craig Overton, Matthew Parkinson, Joe Root, Jason Roy, Phil Salt, Ben Stokes, Reece Topley, and David Willey.

Match starts at 5.30 p.m. IST.



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- England's star players Stokes, Root and Bairstow will play in the ODI series

Rohit slams experts questioning Kohli's place

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Rohit and Kohli. • FILE PHOTO

India skipper Rohit Sharma has hit back at "experts" who are questioning Virat Kohli's place in the T20 side, saying the star batter's "quality" is beyond doubt and the team management will continue to back him.

"It's not difficult at all for us because we don't listen to outside noise. Also, I don't know who these experts are and why they're called experts. I don't get that," said Rohit.

"Also, if you are talking about form, it goes up and down for everyone. The quality of the player doesn't go bad. We should always keep in mind when such comments are passed. We're backing a player's quality. It's happened with me, it's happened with XYZ. There's nothing new," said Rohit.

Change in mindset the biggest takeaway: Rohit

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NOTTINGHAM

India skipper Rohit Sharma spoke about the biggest takeaways from the T20I series against England.

"The biggest takeaway has been the approach of each and every individual who has played in this series. How they've relished the moment in the middle, taking on the opportunity, the opposition, taking that extra risk.

"The mindset is something we're trying to change and that is the biggest takeaway for all the players.

"They are willing to do that, they are willing to take that risk. And when I go and talk to certain individuals or players and I hear the same kind of response from them, that is the biggest takeaway.

"Obviously while doing that, results will go here and there. We're looking at the larger picture and to achieve that we'll make some mistakes," he said.

India-England T20I series in numbers

Batting | M | Runs | HS | SR | 100s/50s
Suryakumar | 3 | 171 | 117 | 201.17 | 1/0
Malan | 3 | 117 | 77 | 150.00 | 0/1
Bowling | M | Wkts | BBI | Econ | 4W
Jordan | 3 | 8 | 4/27 | 7.25 | 1
Hardik | 2 | 5 | 4/33 | 8.85 | 1

Sri Lanka thrashes Australia, shares series honours

Chandimal's double century and Jayasuriya's 12-wicket match haul fashion innings win in second Test

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GALLE

Dinesh Chandimal's maiden double century and a match haul of 12 wickets by debutant Prabhat Jayasuriya led Sri Lanka to an innings and 39-run thrashing of Australia in the second Test here on Monday.

Chandimal made an unbeaten 206 in Sri Lanka's 554 as the hosts managed a first innings lead of 190. Jayasuriya, a left-arm spinner, then took six wickets to help dismiss Australia for 151 in the final session on day four as the hosts bounced back from their opening loss to end the series at 1-1.

The tourists posted 364 with Steve Smith hitting an unbeaten 145 in the first innings but their batting faltered the second time around.

Off-spinner Ramesh Mendis trapped David Warner lbw for 24 before tea and Jayasuriya soon took over with his left-arm spin in the final session to send back Usman Khawaja (29) and Steve Smith (0) in one over.

Delightful dozen: Debutant Jayasuriya spun a web around the Australian batters. • AFP

The 30-year-old Jayasuriya, who claimed a six-for in the first innings, kept up the charge with another twin strike to expose the Australian tail. Jayasuriya got the final wicket to trigger celebrations in the Sri Lankan camp and crowd. Jayasuriya's match figures of 12 for 177 are the best ever by a Sri Lankan bowler on debut as he went one better than Praveen Jayawickrama, who took 11 in his first Test last year.

SCOREBOARD

Australia — 1st innings: 364.

Sri Lanka — 1st innings: Pathum Nissanka c Green b Starc 6, Dimuth Karunaratne lbw b Swepson 86, Kusal Mendis lbw b Lyon 85, Angelo Mathews c Labuschagne b Starc 52, Dinesh Chandimal (not out) 206, Kamindu Mendis b Swepson 61, Niroshan Dickwella c Cummins b Lyon 5, Ramesh Mendis lbw b Starc 29, Maheesh Theekshana b Cummins 10, Prabhat Jayasuriya b Starc 0, Kasun Rajitha lbw b Swepson 0; Extras (b-4, lb-6, w-3, nb-1): 14; Total (in 181 overs): 554.

Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-164, 3-186, 4-269, 5-402, 6-409, 7-477, 8-498, 9-505.

Australia bowling: Starc 29-3-89-4, Cummins 30-5-95-1, Lyon 64-5-194-2, Green 6-0-20-0, Swepson 38-2-103-3, Head 8-0-27-0, Labuschagne 6-0-16-0.

Australia — 2nd innings: David Warner lbw b R. Mendis 24, Usman Khawaja c Fernando b Jayasuriya 29, Marnus Labuschagne lbw b Jayasuriya 32, Steve Smith lbw b Jayasuriya 0, Travis Head b R. Mendis 5, Cameron Green st. Dickwella b Jayasuriya 23, Alex Carey (not out) 16, Mitchell Starc c K. Mendis b Jayasuriya 0, Pat Cummins lbw b Theekshana 16, Nathan Lyon lbw b Theekshana 5, Mitchell Swepson b Jayasuriya 0; Extras (b-1): 1; Total (in 41 overs): 151.

Fall of wickets: 1-49, 2-59, 3-59, 4-74, 5-112, 6-117, 7-117, 8-144, 9-150.

Sri Lanka bowling: Rajitha 5-1-16-0, Theekshana 5-0-28-2, R. Mendis 15-2-47-2, Jayasuriya 16-2-59-6.

Player-of-the-Match: Jayasuriya; **Player-of-the-Series:** Chandimal.

India bows out of knockouts

Segu's goal three minutes from time seals it for Spain

WORLD CUP

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TERRASSA (SPAIN)

India was eliminated from the FIH Women's World Cup title race after losing 0-1 to co-hosts Spain in a crossover match here on Sunday.

After a fiercely-contested three quarters, the Indian defence let in a goal just three minutes from the final hooter when Marta Segu scored from a rebound.

Woeful PC conversion

India fared poorly once again in converting penalty corners, earning four and squandering all. India's first penalty corner came in the eighth minute but the Spanish defence was up to the task.

After a hesitant first quarter, Spain began exploring ways to get past the India backline.

But, captain Savita, in goal, showed why she has such high reputation, pulling off several saves.

Battling it out: The Indians held firm before allowing the Spaniards to break through in the dying minutes. • FIH

India created a great opportunity to take the lead when Salima Tete set it up for Vandana Kataraiya with a brilliant run, but the latter dinked over the crossbar while trying to chip it over Garcia's reach.

In the final quarter, Sara Barrios shot wide with only Savita to beat and then a lovely flowing move by India was cut short in time.

The deadlock finally broke just three minutes from the hooter through Segu who scored off a rebound after Clara Ycart's shot was saved by Savita.

India will next play Canada in a 9-16th place classification match to be held on Tuesday.

Taniya gets the nod, Sneh returns

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NEW DELHI

Wicketkeeper Taniya Bhatia was on Monday named in the Indian women's squad for the upcoming Commonwealth Games.

The most notable player to make a comeback is all-rounder Sneh Rana.

The India squad: Harmanpreet Kaur (Capt.), Smriti Mandhana (Vice-capt.), Shafali Verma, S. Meghana, Taniya Bhatia (wk), Yastika Bhatia (wk), Deepti Sharma, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Pooja Vastrakar, Meghna Singh, Renuka Thakur, Jemimah Rodrigues, Radha Yadav, Harleen Deol, and Sneh Rana; **Stand-byes:** Simran Bahadur, Richa Ghosh, and Poonam Yadav.

India's schedule: July 29: vs Australia; **July 31:** vs Pakistan; **Aug. 3:** vs Barbados, all matches at Edgbaston.

Djokovic: seeking love alongside tennis immortality

The Serb has long been seeking the missing ingredient to make him an equal of Federer, Nadal

Awkward interloper: Djokovic is a spikier character than the smooth, unruffled Federer or the self-effacing Nadal. • TWITTER/WIMBLEDON

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Novak Djokovic is already a sporting immortal but he will be desperately hoping he is finally becoming a "people's champion" after winning a seventh Wimbledon crown on Sunday.

The Serb has long been seeking the missing ingredient to make him an equal of Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal in the hearts of tennis fans.

His four-set victory over the unseeded Nick Kyrgios nudged him ahead of Federer into second place in the all-time list of Grand Slam men's winners with 21 titles, one behind Nadal.

Djokovic nibbled a blade of grass in his customary celebration before making his "cup of love" gesture to all corners of the Centre Court, the fans roaring their approval for the champion.

While Federer and Nadal enjoy an almost god-like status in the game, the Serb has been a player that fans have found more difficult to love.

Many had already picked either the Swiss or the Spaniard as "their man" by the time Djokovic won his first Major in 2008, leaving him in a position as the awkward interloper.

The Serb, who left Belgrade when he was 12 to train in Munich and escape NATO's bombardment of his home city, is a spikier character than the smooth, unruffled Federer or the self-effacing Nadal.

Djokovic – so used to battling the crowd as well as his opponent – appeared to have turned a corner at last year's US Open final, which he lost to Daniil Medvedev.

He received heartfelt support from fans who urged him to fight back against the Russian, but it was ultimately in vain as he missed his chance to become the first man to win a calendar Grand Slam since Rod Laver in 1969.

"The amount of support and energy and love I got from the crowd was something I'll remember forever," he said.

Djokovic, just a year younger than Nadal, shows no sign of losing his physical edge – if anything, he appears to be getting better with age. He dropped gluten from his diet and his lithe physique allowed him to chase down lost causes, transforming him into the rubber man of tennis with a rock-steady defence.

Federer unranked for first time in 25 years

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WIMBLEDON

Roger Federer dropped out of the ATP rankings entirely for the first time in a quarter-century on Monday, while Novak Djokovic slid four spots to No. 7 a day after winning Wimbledon for the seventh time.

Federer had appeared in the singles rankings every week since he made his debut at age 16 in September 1997, tied for 803rd, and held the record for most time at No. 1 until Djokovic broke it.

Federer was 97th before play began at the All England Club but now has zero points because the rankings are based on a player's results over the previous 52 weeks.

Federer. • AP

On Monday, Djokovic, Kyrgios and all other players lost whatever points they earned at Wimbledon in 2021, while not gaining any benefit from how they performed during this fortnight.

So Elena Rybakina's first Grand Slam title did her no good in the WTA rankings; she remained at No. 23.

LIVE TELECAST

England vs India: 1st ODI, Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 5.30 p.m.
TNPL 2022: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.15 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Former NZ captain Sinclair passes away

WELLINGTON

Former New Zealand cricket captain Barry Sinclair passed away on Sunday, aged 85. He was the third New Zealander after Bert Sutcliffe and John Reid to score 1,000 Test runs. Sinclair played 21 Tests between 1963 and 1968, scoring 1,148 runs at 29.43, including three centuries. He captained the side in three Tests. ANI

Bairstow and Kapp win ICC award

DUBAI

England's Jonny Bairstow and South Africa's Marizanne Kapp won the ICC men's and women's Player of the Month award for June. ANI

Pogba rejoins Juventus on free transfer

ROME

French World Cup-winning midfielder Paul Pogba has returned to Serie A side Juventus on a free transfer, the Italian giant announced on Monday. The 29-year-old enjoyed a highly successful first spell at Juventus (2012-16) before Manchester United signed him for a then record €105 million. AFP

Unbeaten ton by Amit Verma

BENGALURU

Amit Verma (99 n.o.) helped Century Cricketers defeat RVCE in the KSCA (Group I) third division league.
The scores: Century Cricketers 299/6 in 50 overs (Sachin Sreedhar 31, N. Bharath 49, Amit Verma 99 n.o., C.K. Akshay 38, S.P. Manjunath 33) bt RVCE 150 in 40.4 overs (G.P. Likhith 44, H.K. Vishwanath 25, C.K. Akshay 4/21).
Dooravani Cricketers (1) 128 in 45.2 overs (Darshan Nayak 40, Shubham Panday 4/23, Yashas Suresh 3/28) lost to Cavaliers 128/3 in 36.1 overs (Shreyas Gowda 66, S. Deepak 29 n.o.).
Engrades 176/9 in 45 overs (S. Ramanji 49, R. Yuvraj 28) bt Hanumanthnagar 124 in 38.1 overs (S. Mithun 39, Kushal Gouda 5/16) (overs reduced due to rain).
Visweswarampuram (1) 247/6 in 45 overs (Ujwal Gowda 36, Saurabh Srivasthav 80, B. Tanu 58 n.o., Nithin Gopalakrishna 53) bt Malleswaram Gymkhana 133 in 33 overs (Harshith Poojary 30, Jay Desai 49 n.o., Prasanna Patilkulkarni 4/24) (overs reduced due to rain).

Shoriful and Mehidy shine as Bangladesh beats WI

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PROVIDENCE (GUYANA)

Spinner Mehidy Hasan and Bangladesh exploited "ideal conditions" to defeat the West Indies by six wickets in Sunday's rain-affected first One-Day International.

Shoriful Islam's haul of four for 34, his best in ODIs, limited the West Indies to 149 for nine in a fixture reduced to 41 overs-per-side before Mahmudullah's unbeaten 41 saw the visitors to the target with more than nine overs to spare.

After 2-0 losses in the preceding Test and T20I series, Bangladesh posted its ninth consecutive ODI win over the West Indies.
The scores: West Indies 149.9 in 41 overs (Shamarh Brooks 33; Mehidy Hasan 3/36, Shoriful Islam 4/34) lost to Bangladesh 151/4 in 31.5 overs (Tamim Iqbal 33, Najmul Hossain Shanto 37, Mahmudullah 41 n.o.). **Toss:** Bangladesh; **MoM:** Mehidy; *Bangladesh won by six wickets with 9.1 overs remaining to lead three-match series 1-0.*

Arjun Babuta wins air rifle gold

Paarth Makhija finishes just outside the medal bracket

SHOOTING

SPORTS BUREAU

Arjun Babuta came up with some high quality shooting to clinch the gold beating Lucas Kozeniesky of the US 17-9 in men's air rifle at the shooting World Cup in Changwon, Korea, on Monday.

The 23-year-old Arjun was second in qualification with 630.5 and topped the second stage with 261.1 to make the gold contest.

Paarth Makhija also made the final, but finished fourth, behind qualification topper Sergey Richter (631.6) of Israel.

In women's air rifle, Mehuli Ghosh shot 628.7 and missed the second stage of competition by 0.1 point.

In men's air pistol, Naveen (587), Sagar Dangi (582) and Shiva Narwal (580) have qualified for Tuesday's finals.

Golden delight: Arjun with Kozeniesky, left, and Richter at Changwon on Monday.
*SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Yuvika makes the cut

In women's air pistol, Yuvika Tomar made the cut for the second stage with 576, while Palak Ghulia and Rhythm Sangwan (573) missed it by one point. Competing in the MQS section, now termed RPO, Manu Bhaker (573) and Esha Singh (570) were not at their best.

In men's trap, Prithviraj Tondaiman was tied for second place with two others on 74 after three rounds, one point behind leader Aaron Heading of Britain. Vivaan Kapoor also shot well to compile 73.

Two more rounds will be shot on Tuesday before the shooters progress to the next stage towards the medals.

In women's trap, Neeru (65) and Preeti Rajak (63) were in the 17th and 18th spots after three rounds in a field of 25 shooters.

The results:
10m air rifle: Men: 1. Arjun Babuta 17 (261.1) 630.5; 2. Lucas Kozeniesky (US) 9 (260.4) 628.2; 3. Sergey Richter (Isr) 259.9 (631.6; 4. Paarth Makhija 258.1 (628.40; 30. Shahu Tushar Mane 624.4.
Women: 1. Lucie Brazdova (Cze) 16 (261.3) 629.9; 2. Roxana Sidi (Rou) 8 (260.1) 630.2; 3. Eszter Meszaros (Hun) 260.1 (628.8); 11. Mehuli Ghosh 628.7; 17. Ramita Jindal 627.4; 24. Elavenil Valarivan 626.3.

Penalty denies Daruvala a podium finish

FORMULA 2

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SPIELBERG

Indian racer Jehan Daruvala put in a stirring drive from 11th to second in the Formula 2 feature race here on Sunday before he was robbed of his sixth podium of the season due a post-race penalty.

Jehan had finished a provisional second after an inspired strategy call to start the race on slick tyres on a damp track.

The searing pace from the Red Bull-backed racer in the tricky conditions saw him make rapid progress up the field.

But a 20-second time penalty, handed out after stewards deemed the Prema Racing team had attempted to dry the track surface at Jehan's grid spot, negated his brilliant run.

The penalty was all the more disappointing as Jehan was briefly in with a chance of winning the race after provisional winner Richard Verschoor was disqualified for a fuel irregularity.

Jehan was eventually classified 12th, which meant zero points from the weekend. He had finished out of points in the sprint race.

Devastated

"I'm absolutely gutted. All season luck has been against us and just when I thought things were finally going our way we get hit with a penalty," said Jehan.

Devika, Abhiwardhan show their class

Seven pugilists from Maharashtra enter the final

BOXING

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
CHENNAI

Reigning junior National champion Devika Ghorpade and Abhiwardhan Sharma showed their mettle as Maharashtra's seven pugilists, including five women, entered the finals of the Youth National Boxing Championships here on Monday.

Haryana's women's team and Services Sports Control Boards' (SSCB) men's team continued their brilliant show with 11 boxers progressing to the finals.

In 52kg, Devika relentless attack forced the referee to stop the contest against Punjab's Kuldeep Kaur and give the result in her favour. She will fight Haryana's Anjali in the final.

In the 57kg featherweight category, Aarya Bartakke got the better of Rajasthan's Anju in a thrilling contest. Both the boxers threw caution to the wind and traded heavy blows throughout the bout but Aarya showcased great composure and skills to prevail over her opponent by a 4-1 split verdict. She will face Mizoram's Naom Chingsanuami in the summit clash.

Sharvari Kalyankar (75kg), Nasweera Mujawar (81kg) and Kanchan Suranse (81+kg) were the other women boxers from Maharashtra to enter the final. They will face Haryana's Muskan Pranjal and Kirti respectively.

In the men's section, Maharashtra's Abhiwardhan (92kg) blanked Rishabh Pandey of Uttar Pradesh 5-0 and will square off against Asian junior champion Bharat Joon of Haryana.

The other man from Maharashtra to reach the final was Usman Ansari (51kg), who defeated Uttarakhand's Vishwas Mehra 5-0. He will take on SSCB's Jadumani Mandengbam.

Gelfand denies Anand the title

Blitzes the nine-time Leon Masters champion

CHESS

SPORTS BUREAU

Bringing on his best play, Boris Gelfand pulled off a stunning 4-2 victory over Viswanathan Anand by claiming the final two blitz games to win the 35th Leon Masters active chess tournament title in Leon, Spain, on Sunday.

In the best of four 20-minute rapid games, nine-time winner Anand took the lead but Gelfand hit back to win the next two. Anand won the must-win fourth game to force the tie-breaking blitz games.

Gelfand took the first blitz game to again push Anand to the corner.

The second one headed for a draw but Anand made a desperate bid to fox his senior rival and ended up on the losing side.

Incredibly, all six games between these two seasoned players, in their 50s, produced decisive verdicts.

Trumped: Gelfand raised his game to best Anand.
*TWITTER/AJEDREZLEON

In the four-man tournament, Anand advanced to the final by beating J. Latasa Santos 2.5-1.5 after losing the opening game. Gelfand went past 20-year old Andrey Esipenko by drawing the Armageddon game with black pieces.

Arjun delights

Meanwhile, on the opening day of the FTX Road to Miami online chess tournament, part of the cash-rich Champions Chess Tour, rising teen-star Arjun Erigaisi stunned Levon Aronian and Teimour Radjabov to share the sixth place with 7/12 points after four rounds of the preliminary stage.

Arjun, aiming to be among the top eight players to qualify for the quarterfinals from this formidable field, started with a draw against USA's Samuel Sevian, then defeated Aronian and Radjabov but lost the fourth to Richard Rapport.

In the 16-player round robin league, USA's Jeffery Xiong began his streak of three wins by stunning Anish Giri but lost the day's last round to Sevian to lead with nine points.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Mohith and Bhandage shine as Sir Syed Cricketers takes first-innings lead

B.A. Mohith (130) and M.S. Bhandage (94) starred for Sir Syed Cricketers as it secured the first-innings lead in a drawn KSCA (Group I) first division league encounter against Modern Cricket Club.
The scores: Social Cricketers 253 in 62.2 overs (S. Aadarsh Prajwal 104, V. Vyshak 35, D. Avinash 40, Salvin Stanly 32, Abhilash 3/61) drew with Swastic Union CC (1) 179 in 75.1 overs (E.J. Jasper 25, Nishith Raj 40, N.A. Chinmay 25, Shishir Bhavane 33, Prithviraj 4/29).
Rajajinagar Cricketers 417/7 decl. in 87.4 overs (Nihal Ullal 37, Nitin Bhille 114, Dhuri 93, S. Shivaraj 117 n.o.) drew with Swastic Union CC (2) 91 in 36 overs (S.M. Shamanth 3/10) & 57/2 in 8.5 overs (C. Sanjay Ashwin 26 n.o.).
Chintamani SA 291/8 in 90 overs (Swapnil Shivaji Yelave 25, Vrishin Arinjai 28, Faizaan Sidiq 75, Mir Kaunain Abbas 25, Abdul Majid 90 n.o., Anmol Mathur 3/98) vs. BUCC (1) 280/4 in 56 overs (Liyan Khan 105, Kishan S. Bedare 65, Abhinav Manohar 54 n.o.) [Mount Joy CC 40/2 in 22 overs vs. Friends Union Cricket Club (1) (match was interrupted by rain and first innings was unfinished).
Modern CC 289 in 75 overs (Mohammed Aqib Jawad 60, Jeswanth Acharya 60, Milind Ramesh 28, Dheeraj J.Gowda 69, Vidwath Kaverappa 3/61, S. Suraj 3/61) drew with Sir Syed Cricketers 477/7 in 79 overs (S.J. Nilon Jose 48, Luvnith Sisodia 80, B.A. Mohith 130, Tanay Valmik 87, M.S. Bhandage 94, Rohiet Ssg 3/111).
Vultures CC 409 in 86.3 overs (R. Smaran 79, Anirudha A.Joshi 30, Kruthik Krishna 108, Praveen Dubey 119, K. Adithyan 4/61, Macneil Hadley Noronha 3/67) drew with Cambridge CC 220 in 57.3 overs (Lochan Appanna 46, Vinay N. Sagar 68, M.B. Darshan 3/30, J. Suchith 3/84) & 41/5 in 18.3 overs (J. Suchith 3/17).
Mount Joy CC 40/2 in 22 overs vs. Friends Union Cricket Club (1) (match was interrupted by rain and first innings was unfinished).

Sachin Shinde stars for Vijaya CC

Sachin Shinde (6/81) starred for Vijaya CC against Jawahar SC (1) in their drawn KSCA (Group I) second division league.
The scores: Jawahar (1) 216 in 82.2 overs (S.U. Karthik 40, Amod Kaluve 90, S. Chaitanya 37, Sachin Shinde 6/81) drew with Vijaya 123/8 in 59.4 overs (P. Dhruv 29, Zeeshan Ali 34 n.o., Adithya Nair 4/24) (match abandoned due to rain).
Jawahar (2) 183 in 49 overs (Faizan Khan 38, Nikhil Vedanth 48, M. Samarth 54, Rajvir Wadhwa 4/28, Varun Rao 3/37) and 4/1 in 1 over drew with Bangalore Occasionals 365/5 decl. in 53.5 overs (Niranjan 86, Hemanth Shinde 32, Rithin Christy 34, Ashwin Santosh 73, Rahu Singh 80, Suraj Ahuja 53 n.o., N.S. Sachin 3/77).
Jupiter CA 153/8 in 42 overs (Chirag Nayak 32, Desmond Antony 43) drew with Jawans (match abandoned due to rain).
Bangalore SC 172/7 in 64 overs (V.N. Sanjay 47, Vishal Kothari 32, Angadraj Sangam 28 n.o., Aditya Mani 5/34) drew Herons CC (match abandoned due to rain).
Wilson Garden 278/8 decl. in 79 overs (Srujan Nandan 56, Yashwant 87, Shezan Khan 31, M. Arsalaan 41, Kushal Pramesh 4/97) drew with The Bangalore Cricketers 121/3 in 26 overs (Rahul Kulkarni 34 n.o., R. Akshay 42, Suraj Reddy 3/54) (match abandoned due to rain).
Coles 124/7 in 42 overs (Bharath Kumar 45, Rahul Prasanna 39, Rajendra Danganavar 3/24) drew with Friends Union Cricket Club (2) (match abandoned due to rain).

National camp for visually impaired cricketers

A 12-day national coaching camp for visually impaired cricketers of Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) from Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled was inaugurated at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Monday. The camp is supported by NTT DATA Services.

The coaching program will benefit 56 young visually impaired cricketers.

Twenty-nine players will be shortlisted during the coaching camp and will receive further sports & life skills training. The players will also receive a monthly stipend for five months to maintain their sports training and fitness schedules.

Ankur Dasgupta, vice president Global CSR & India Marketing, NTT DATA Services inaugurated the camp. Founder Managing Trustee of Samarthanam and CABI president G.K. Mahantesh and former India cricketer Sadanand Viswanath were some of the dignitaries present on the occasion.

Customs & GST held by Postal

Customs & GST was held to a 3-3 draw by Postal in the Hockey Karnataka league championship here.
The results: Postal 3 (I.A. Poovanna 7, 21, Chethan Chinnappa 43) drew with Customs & GST 3 (P.L. Thimmanna 27, V.S. Vinaya 45, Chelsea Medappa 49).
AGORC 6 (Nithin Thimmaiah 8, 23, 54, Jayaprakash 17, Changappa 20, Shankar Patil 38) bt SAI STC 1 (M.K. Chethan 35).

Arpan helps Rising Star post win over Bosch

Arpan's 33 points powered Rising Star past Bosch 81-63 in the State 'B' division men's league championship at Sree Kanteerava Stadium courts here.
The results: Koramangala SC 65 (Gokul 27, Manju 15) bt Devanga Union 54 (Sangal 23, Dev 15); KSP 81 (Mathi 22, Nikhil 12) bt JSC 61 (Santosh 24); Bharath SU 83 (Nithin 17, Akshay 13) bt Protec Association 56 (Hariharan 30, Lokesh 16); Rising Star 81 (Arpan 33, Madhav 16) bt Bosch 63 (Rajeshwar 18, Vinod 17).

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No. KPCL/2022-23/CW/WORK_INDENT 12508/CALL-2 Dated: 06.07.2022
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement Portal only)
Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal from agencies for the work of **Supply, Fabrication & Replacement of GI intake louvers and SS bird screen mesh at Unit-1&2 Air Washer System** from reputed firms/ organization/ contractors. Date of Receipt of tenders: **15.07.2022 upto 16.00 Hrs.** All relevant details are available in the e-portal website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (LT)-1**, KPCL, RTPS, Shaktinagar - 584170, Raichur Dist. Karnataka. Mobile: 94495 98537. E-mail: eelt1rtpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in ; eelt1rtps@gmail.com

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.: KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT12598 Date: 06.07.2022
BID NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement portal)
Sealed bids are invited for the work of "**Design, manufacture, inspection andtesting at firm's work, supply, dismantling of old starter panels, erection, testing & commissioning of 2 nos. soft starters for 150HP Fire Hydrant & Mulsifyre pump & 1 no. soft starters for 75 HP submersible Drainage pump along with supply of Power cable at Nagjhari Power House**" covering all associated works and compoocnts to suit the site conditions, from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar works. The details of NIT, Brief Bid Notification can also be viewed on **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for receipt of completed bids: **06.08.2022 up to 16.00 Hrs** with EMD: **Rs 49,100/-**. Date of opening of Part-I (Pre-qualification and Technical Bid): **08.08.2022 at 9.00 Hrs** and date of opening of Part-II (Price Bid) of the successful qualified bidders will be intimated later. Further details can be had from: **Executive Engineer (Generator) Nagjhari, KPCL, Ambikanagar-581 363, Haliyal(Tq), Karwar (Dist.), Mobile: 9449599106, E-mail: eegennph@gmail.com & eegenkalikpcl@karnataka.gov.in**

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, DHARWAD
Office of the Estate Officer,
Krishi Nagar, Dharwad-580005
No.EO/UASD/SURPLUS FUND/2022-23 Date : 06.07.2022
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Expression of Interest is invited through e-Procurement portal from the Public Sector Banks, RRBs & Scheduled Banks those having branches in Hubli-Dharwad City Limit for providing the competitive rate of interest on Short Term Deposits. The surplus fund of government grants and internal receipt amount are to be parked in the form of short term fixed deposits in the banks. The details of the notification and conditions etc., can be had with bid document by visiting the website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
(1) Last Date & Time for Receipt of bids : **18.07.2022** To 17.00 Hrs (2) Date & Time for Opening of bid : **20.07.2022** At 11.00 Hrs
The interested Banks need to register with the e-Procurement portal for participating in the tender. For more details, please contact ph. No: **080-23010900**. The Banks are requested to get updated with corrigendum/addendum (if any) issued online at the following e-Procurement website in the entire tender process. https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.
The University reserves the right at its absolute discretion to proceed or cancel with the tender at any stage before awarding the work.
DIPR/Dharwad/MCA/337/2022-23 **Sd/- Estate Officer**

Government of Karnataka
(Urban Development Department)
District Urban Development Cell
Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar
E-mail:dudcchamarajanagar@gmail.com Ph No. : 08226-223761
No.DUDC/CMSMTDP-4/CHN/CR/218/2021-22 Dated : 06-07-2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement portal only)
The Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar invites e-procurement full time tender from eligible contractors under Kw-4 document Under Chief Minister's Amruth Nagarothana Phase-4 Project. Work details as follows. Name of work: Construction of Roads & Drains in Chamarajanagar CMC limits of Chamarajanagara District Under Amrutha Nagarothhana (Municipality) Phase-4 Project. (DMA/2022- 23/RD/WORK- INDENT 133198) Amount put to Tender: 1843.12 Lakhs (Excluding GST), EMD Amount: 18.50 lakhs, Period of Completion: 18 Months. Last date for submission of bids for the tender is 06.08.2022 530 P.M, Prebid Meeting Venue & date: 18.07.2022 at 11.00 A.M, (Room No.127, DUDC, DC Office, Chamarajangar), Date of opening of tenders technical bids: 08.08.2022 at 11.00 A.M & Date of opening of Financial bids: Informed to technically qualified Contractors, Interested contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender. Contractors can download the tender documents from e-procurement platform (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Tenders shall be submitted electronically at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in EMD and tender processing fees shall also be paid electronically. For further details go through tender document or contact Office of the Project Director, District Urban Development Cell, DC Office, Chamarajanagar during office hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
District Urban Development Cell,
Chamarajanagar
DIPR : CHANAGAR : 174 : 2022-23

FORM NO. RSC – 4
[PURSUANT TO RULE 3(1) (I) AND (II) OF NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE FOR REDUCTION OF SHARE CAPITAL OF COMPANY) RULES,2016]
COMPANY PETITION NO. C.P No. 82/BB/2022
IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 52 READ WITH SECTION 66 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND
IN THE MATTER OF NEAR INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
NEAR INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
(CIN: U72200KA2009PTC050999)
Having its Registered Office at The Elite, No. 71/72, Third Floor, 5th Block, Industrial Area, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560095 in
..... Petitioner Company
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE
Notice may be taken that an application was presented to the Tribunal at Bengaluru Bench, on the 30th June, 2022 for confirming the reduction of the issued, subscribed and paid-up share capital which will be reduced from Rs. 22,61,990 being 2,28,199 Equity Shares of Rs. 10/- each fully paid up to Rs. 1,62,990 being 16,299 Equity Shares of Rs. 10/- each, by:
Cancelling/ extinguishing 2,11,900 Equity shares of Rs.10 each amounting to Rs.21,19,000 proportionately rounding off to the nearest number of shares among to the shareholders and as agreed between in case equal number of share are to be cancelled/ extinguished by making payment of Rs.19,48,73,835 /- (Rupees Nineteen Crore Forty-Eight Lakh Seventy-three Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-five only) which is over and above the face value of the shares cancelled/extinguished on the basis of valuation of shares but debiting the Securities Premium Account totaling sum of Rs. 19,69,92,835/- (Rupees Nineteen Crore Sixty-nine Lakh Ninety-two Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-five only) as approved by the Equity Shareholders at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 05th day of April, 2022.
The notices to individual creditors have been issued. The list of creditors prepared on the **04th day of April, 2022** by the company is available at the registered office of the Company for inspection on all working days during **10.00 A.M. to 06.00 P.M.** between Monday to Friday (days when the inspection would be available).
If any creditor of the company has any objection to the application or the details in the list of creditors, the same may be sent (along with supporting documents) and details about his name and address and the name and address of his Authorized Representative, if any, to the undersigned at registered office within three weeks of date of this notice.
If no objection is received within the time stated above, entries in the list of creditors will, in all the proceedings under the above petition to reduce the share capital of the company, be treated as correct.
It may also be noted that a hearing has been fixed for **03rd August, 2022** on which the Tribunal shall hear the application. In case any creditor intends to attend the hearing he should make a request along with his objections, if any.
FOR NEAR INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
Sd/-
Mr. Justin Joseph
Authorized Signatory / Director